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KWONGSANG'S FATE DETERMINED?

BODIES AND WRECKAGE NORTH OF FOCHOW

REPORTED SUNK

ONE FOREIGN SHIP'S OFFICER FOUND ALIVE?

The gravest fears for the fate of the Indo-China Steamship Company's s.s. Kwongsang, now overdue seven days, are aroused by messages received in the Colony this morning.

An official message issued by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, reports the sinking of a vessel at Fuyan Island, (about sixty miles north of Fochow). Lifebelts bearing the company's mark, also wreckage, and traces of ground-ant oil, which formed part of the steamer's cargo, have been found in the vicinity.

It is reported by a lighthouse keeper at Incog Lighthouse, that the bodies of two foreigners and two Chinese were washed up near there. They were unidentifiable, and the body of one foreigner was washed out to sea again.

IDENTITY NOT ESTABLISHED

Reuters, from Shanghai, also reports the finding of wreckage in the same vicinity. The message, it is stated, was forwarded by the s.s. Fochow, and it is understood that it was relayed from H.M.S. Sepoy, which is scouring the seas in the neighbourhood.

This latter report also mentions the finding of wreckage in the same vicinity. The message, it is stated, was forwarded by the s.s. Fochow, and it is understood that it was relayed from H.M.S. Sepoy, which is scouring the seas in the neighbourhood.

Every effort is being made to clear up the mystery, the Naval Authorities and the s.s. Fochow working together to this end.

Whilst the news is of a sufficiently disturbing character, all hope has not yet been abandoned that a portion, at least, of the crew have survived the terrible experience.

H.M.S. Sepoy's Discovery?

The text of Reuters' message is as follows:—

Shanghai, To-day.

The Kwongsang mystery appears to have been solved by the finding alive of one foreign ship's officer, near Fuyan Island, 60 miles north of Fochow.

Also, several bodies and a quantity of wreckage have been found, washed ashore near the same point.

The Indo-China steamer Fochow reports this news via H.M.S. Sepoy, stating that it was obtained from a fisherman in Fuchang Bay.

The identity of the rescued officer has not yet been established.

Official Statement.

An official statement, issued to the Press by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 12.30 p.m. to-day, says:—

Information has been received by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., that a vessel is reported sunk at Fuyan Island, also that many pieces of Indo-China S.N. Co.'s lifebelts and a quantity of ostensibly ground nut oil has been seen on the water surface in the vicinity.

It is also reported by the lighthouse keeper at Incog Lighthouse that the bodies of two foreigners and two Chinese have been washed up, the body of one foreigner being washed out to sea again. These bodies are unidentifiable.

Every endeavour is being made by the Naval Authorities and the s.s. Fochow to establish definite grounds as to whether the above is or is not in connection with s.s. Kwongsang, and investigations are proceeding.

GRAF ZEPPELIN

ARRIVES IN ENGLAND.

DR. ECKENER

CONGRATULATED BY AIR MINISTER.

Friedrichshafen, Yesterday.

The Graf Zeppelin left for London at 7.5 a.m. with 22 passengers.

London, Yesterday.

The Graf Zeppelin first appeared over Hanworth aerodrome just after six o'clock, it then en-



tered Central London where it attracted the interested gaze of homegoing workers. It crossed the Thames near the Houses of Parliament and then made its way back to Hanworth where it arrived at 6.45 p.m. and landed exactly at 7 p.m. in accordance with the suggestion previously made by the authorities.

London, Yesterday.

Presentation and Congratulations

During the Graf Zeppelin's brief halt at Hanworth the Under-Secretary for Air, Mr. Montague, presented her commander, Dr. Eckener, with a gold casket as a mark of the British Air Council's congratulations on Dr. Eckener's achievements.

Mr. Montague said that the Air Ministry hoped fittingly also to show its appreciation of Dr. Eckener's work on his next visit.

Cruise Around England.

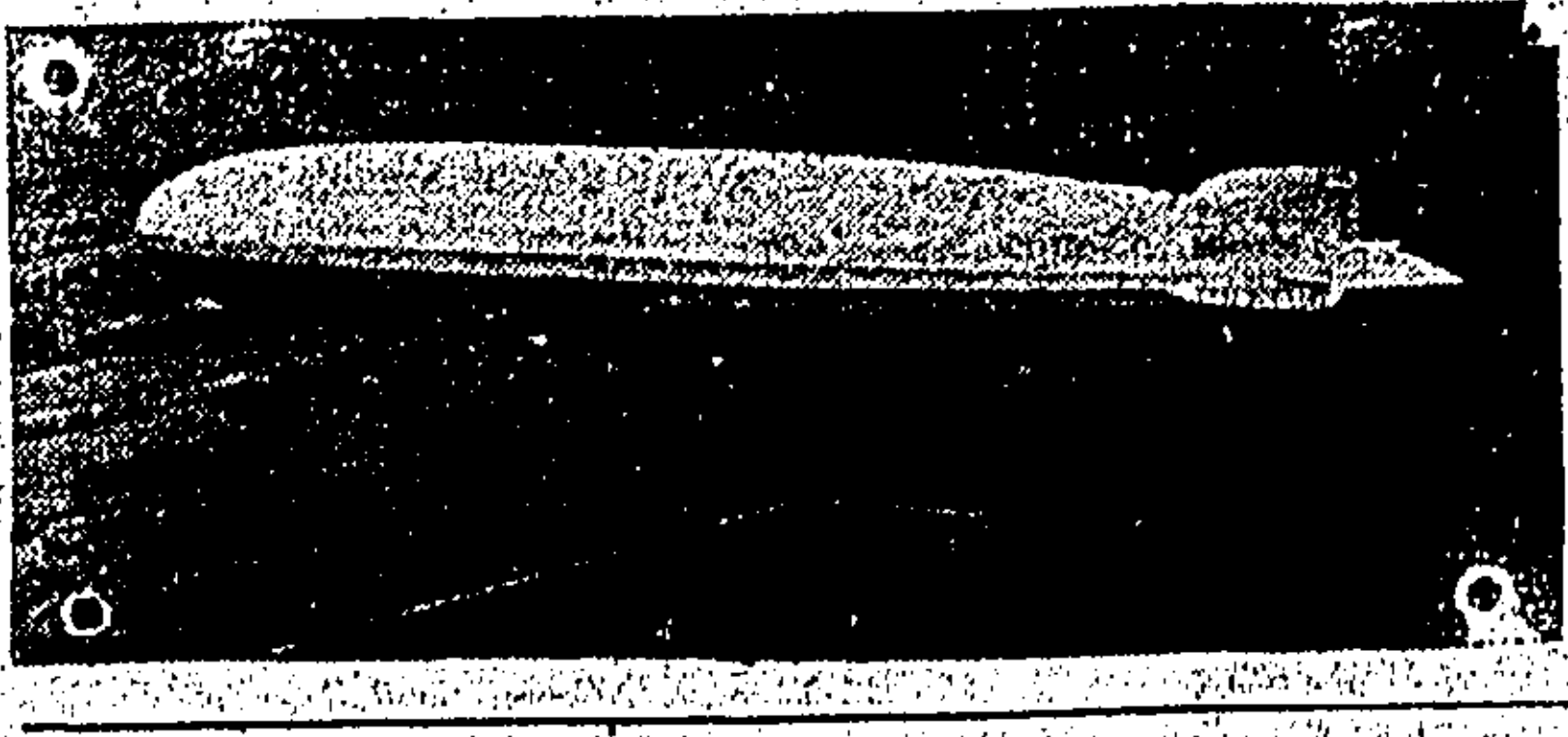
The Graf Zeppelin left Hanworth for a cruise around England at 8.07 p.m.—Reuters.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The German Airship Graf Zeppelin, commanded by Dr. Eckener, flew to England from Friedrichshafen to-day. The airship crossed the Channel late in the afternoon and after visiting several south coast resorts, headed for London over which it cruised for nearly an hour before landing at Hanworth to disembark passengers.

A party of over twenty, including the Master of Semphill and Colonel Sheldermine, Director of Civil Aviation, then boarded the airship for a twenty-four hour cruise round the British Isles.

Large crowds watched the landing and departing of the great airship which was skilfully handled with the aid of a squad of two hundred volunteers recruited from the local railway and factory staffs and of the fire brigade which pumped three tons of temporary water ballast.—British Wireless Service.



INSANITY VERDICT

NO PLEA IN MURDER TRIAL.

VICTIM OF FITS

PRISONER'S HOMICID TENDENCIES.

At the Assizes this morning, the jury, without leaving the Court, returned a verdict of "Insanity" in the case of William Bowen, who had been originally indicted for the murder of Lam Yu-yuk, at the Mental Hospital, on July 5.

The Chief Justice thereupon ordered that Bowen be detained in custody in the Mental Hospital until His Majesty's pleasure be known. Bowen did not plead in answer to the murder charge, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, who appeared for the Crown, intervening to say that the prisoner had been under obser-

MACAO DISASTER FUND.

Acting on the suggestion of the China Mail in our editorial columns on August 14, the Club Lusitano has started a fund in aid of the victims of the Macao disaster. Sympathisers who desire to subscribe towards the fund are kindly requested to forward their donations to the Hon. Secretary of the Club, Mr. A. E. S. Alves.

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variation as to his mental state for some time, and in particular since the alleged fracas occurred. There was very strong reason to believe, as a result of these observations, that Bowen was not fit to plead. He would ask, therefore, that a jury be empanelled to decide whether prisoner was fit or not.

Mr. A. M. L. Soares, who appeared for the defence, (assigned by the Crown), having no objections to this course, a jury was drawn.

Doctor's Opinion.

Mr. Fitzroy, having explained the original charge, said that prisoner had been an inmate of the Mental Hospital for some time. Since the alleged crime he had been under special observation by Drs. Newton and Thomas, and both doctors reported that they considered him insane, and not fit to plead.

Dr. Newton, Medical Officer in charge of the Government Civil Hospital, and the Mental Hospital attached, was then called. He said that prisoner was first admitted to the Hospital on February 1, 1928, being discharged on December 31, 1929. He was re-admitted on August 17, 1930, and had been an inmate ever since.

Mr. Fitzroy then asked whether witness considered the prisoner had sufficient intellect to apprehend the course of the proceedings of the trial?—Witness said that he had not.

Do you think he would be capable of making a proper defence?—No.

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PRINCE OF WALES

ADVENTUROUS FLIGHT.

BAD WEATHER

HOLIDAY IN FRANCE.

Biarritz, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales has arrived here. He had a most adventurous flight and experienced the worst of weather on the trip.—Reuters.



Prince of Wales.

Rugby, Yesterday.

He had to interrupt his journey more than once on account of adverse weather condition. He left Windsor this morning in his own aeroplane and calls were made at Lympne, Le Bourget, and Tours.—British Wireless Service.

THE LINDBERGH.

New York, Yesterday.

Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh took off to-day from Petropavlosk in Siberia for Nemuro.—Reuters' American Service.

Forced Down.

Tokyo, To-day.

Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh who took off at Petropavlosk for Nemuro this morning at 9.45, were shortly after forced down at Avacha Bay owing to engine trouble.

They were able, however, to restart and continue their flight at 10.45 a.m.—Reuters.

able of understanding the details of any evidence which might be brought against him at the present moment?—He might understand some details, but nothing at all complicated.

You still say that he is insane?—Yes.

What is his particular form of insanity?—Dementia associated with epilepsy.

Is that accompanied by homicidal tendencies?—He may have them after a fit.

Did he have these fits very often?—At first admission they were continuous for about 24 to 36 hours at a time.

The Chief Justice: Is there history of homicidal mania?—Yes. He was first admitted for attacking his mother and sister with a knife.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSALS?

SURVEY OF ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPLETED

IMPENETRABLE SECRETS

DAILY HERALD UNDERSTANDS SO AND SO

The "Big Five" have completed their examination of the several problems that have been put before them. How they propose to solve them will not be disclosed till to-morrow.

Thursday will go down in the annals of the country as one more of her momentous days.

The Daily Herald predicts:—

- (1) Ten per cent. general tariff for revenue purposes.
- (2) Temporary suspension of the Sinking Fund.
- (3) Special tax on fixed interest bearing securities.

EVE OF MOMENTOUS DAY

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Committee of Five Cabinet Ministers, under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, which is examining economy proposals was in session for nearly six hours to-day. When the afternoon meeting ended at six o'clock it was stated that the Committee had completed its survey of the economic and financial position. To-morrow morning the results of its deliberations will be placed before a full Cabinet meeting.

Great Interest.

Interest is now focused on Thursday's proceedings when Government's plans for dealing with the financial situation are expected to be revealed to its followers.

Important Meetings.

The Consultative Committee of twelve, which keeps Ministers in touch with the Parliamentary Labour Party, meets in the morning, and in the afternoon there will be a joint meeting of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress and the National Executive of the Labour Party, and it is expected that the Prime Minister, and his four colleagues on the Cabinet Economic Committee, Mr. Philip Snowden, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Graham and Mr. Thomas, will be present at both meetings.

On Thursday or Friday, it is anticipated that consultations with the Opposition Leaders will be renewed.—British Wireless Service.

General Agreement.

London, Yesterday.

The Cabinet Economy Committee completed its survey of the general economic situation this evening after sitting all day long.

Reuters understands that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues have been able to reach a general agreement on the proposals for submission to the Cabinet Council to-morrow.

What those proposals are to be remains for the moment an impenetrable secret. After the Economy Committee's plans have been endorsed by a full Cabinet they will be revealed to the Opposition Leader.

Important meetings with the three most powerful and most influential Labour political organisations with the object of ensuring goodwill for the economy proposals will form part of Thursday's engagements. Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson will address one of each.

A Forecast.

The Daily Herald, a Labour organ, says that the Economy Committee proposes to place before the Cabinet for decision a general ten per cent. tariff for revenue purposes, the temporary suspension of the Sinking Fund and a special tax on fixed interest bearing securities.—Reuters.

TRAGIC AIR DISASTER.

"Baby" of British Schneider Team.

DROWNED OFF CALSHOTT.

London, Yesterday.

Lieut. Brinton, of Britain's Schneider Trophy Team, plunged into the sea off Calshott to-night in one of the Schneider Trophy planes and was drowned.

Lieutenant Brinton, aged 24, was the "Baby" of the Schneider Team and the first and only Naval Officer included in the team.

He took off toward dusk on his first flight in the highspeed SBA plane, in which Flight Lieut. Waghorn won the trophy in 1929.

Reuters' representative at Calshott saw the machine leave the water as though to take off, travelling at about a hundred miles an hour. After a second or two the plane re-struck the water, appeared to bounce forty feet into the air, and then crashed, turning turtle.

Heroic Efforts At Rescue.

Motor launches raced from every-

direction, and a number of men, including the Schneider flier Flight Lieut. Smith, dived from launches in an heroic effort to extricate Brinton from the cockpit. A merchant actually got hold of Brinton underwater but was unable to release his safety belt.

Rescuers found floats torn from the machine drifting eighty yards away.

Body Not Recovered.

When the fuselage was pulled last night Brinton's body was not found in the cockpit. It is believed the belt became broken and he was washed away.—Reuters.

EMULATING AMY.

German Airwoman Tokyo-bound.

AT MOSCOW.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The airwoman Fraulein Marga Von Etzdorf hopped off from Tempelhof aerodrome at 4.30 this morning for Moscow, in the course of a solo flight to Tokyo.

Moscow, Yesterday.

The airwoman Fraulein Etzdorf landed here at 8.55 p.m.—Reuters.



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What Mail Reviewers Say.

"THE SPOILERS."

Edwin Carewe's production "The Spoilers" featuring Gary Cooper and Kay Johnson, is having its last run at the Majestic Theatre to-day at the customary times.

It is a film that deals with a gold-rush at Nome, a small settlement, where Government stakes claims on all and sundry. This leads to serious trouble, resulting in a terrific fist-to-fist fight between Cooper and William Boyd (stage).

The supporting cast includes Betty Compson, Harry Green, and Slim Summerville.

From Other Sources.

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

Twelve hundred ex-soldiers were engaged daily in the thrilling battle scenes of "Abraham Lincoln," D. W. Griffith's epic all-dialogue life of the emancipator at the Queen's Theatre.

The veterans were engaged through the employment office of the Hollywood American Legion and the disabled veterans' home at Swatelle, California, near the film city.

The cast of this spectacular romance includes Walter Huston and Una Merkel.

"CRAZY THAT WAY."

George B. Middleton, associate producer, for Fox Films, under whose personal supervision "Crazy That Way," a Fox Movietone picture directed by Hamilton MacFadden, was produced, is a native of Paterson, New Jersey, and a graduate of Columbia University.

He is the author of many successful stage plays, including "Polly With a Past," "House of a Thousand Candles," "The Big Pond," "Adam and Eve" and "Blood Money." Among his literary contributions included among best sellers are "Embers," "Tradition," "Nowadays," "Masks," "Possession," and "The Road Together."

Joan Bennett and Kenneth MacKenna have the leading romantic roles in this audible version of the successful stage play, "In Love With Love."

"QUICK MILLIONS."

One of the most versatile actors on the screen to-day—that is the reputation enjoyed by Spencer Tracy, who comes to the King's Theatre in the starring role of "Quick Millions," Fox picture dealing with the adventures of a new and nefarious group of millionaires. Tracy's characterisation of the ambitious but none too scrupulous "Bugs" Raymond, in this present production, is a far cry from his humorous portrayal of the likeable wisecracker and escape artist, "St. Louis," in his initial picture for Fox Films, "Up The River."

Even previous to his screen debut, Tracy's talent as an actor of parts was evident in his Broadway appearances ranging from his Theatre Guild role in "RUR" to his sensational performance as "Killer" Mears in last season's smash-hit, "The Last Mile." Fox officials, recognising his great ability, signed him to a long term contract, and New Year's "Personal Kid" immediately embarked for California and the talkies.

Meanwhile, the producers of the drama discovered that they couldn't replace the "dynamic punch" that Tracy gave to the play so they turned up the wires to the coast requesting that Fox Films allow their new star to resume his old role for the duration of the run in New York. Their plea was granted, for Tracy had just completed his first picture, and agreed to become the "Killer" again.

But not for long. His portrayal in "Up The River" was so enthusiastically praised by critics everywhere, that Tracy was cast to play the leading role in "Quick Millions."

Sally Eilers and Marguerite Churchill are featured in the cast, which includes Warner Richmond, Robert Burns, John Wray and George Raft. Rowland Brown co-authored the story with Courtenay Terrett, and also directed.

"DON'T BET ON WOMEN."

"Women is man's greatest enigma" and if anyone doubts the wisdom of this time worn adage a visit to the King's Theatre, where the Fox Movietone comedy, "Don't Bet On Women," is now playing, will quickly set his mind at ease and afford him an hour of laughs at the expense of the male sex.

Here is a subtle and sophisticated comedy of love on a yacht and in a drawing room, with Edmund Lowe, the screen's great heart-breaker, in the leading role. Co-featured with him is the delightful star, Jeannette MacDonald, who was last seen here in "Oh, For A Man." The cast includes such masters of comedy as Roland Young and J. M. Kerrigan as well as Una Merkel, who again lives up to her reputation as the funniest flapper on the silver sheet.

The story concerns a man-about-town, who, when he remarks that all women are bad, is inveigled into a wager with his attorney that he can't kiss the first woman who crosses his path. Great is the embarrassment when that woman turns out to be the attorney's wife. When they discover that the wife knows of their bet they are on the verge of calling it off, but she insists that the bet is on. She reveals in the opportunity to study love making from a master, but instead of learning anything she teaches them both the danger of betting on women. William K. Howard directed the picture from an original by William Anthony McGuire.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.V. on a wavelength of 855 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.
7-10.30 p.m.—A Selection of Records kindly loaned by a Broadcast Enthusiast.

7.03-7.30 p.m.—Selections from Musical Comedy.
The Desert Song.
Debrov Somers Band.
Princess Charming.
Palace Theatre Orchestra.
Lady Luck.
London Theatre Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.30-8.20 p.m.—Variety.
Song—
Virginia—There's a Blue Ridge in My Heart.
He's Tall, Dark and Handsome.
Sophie Tucker (Comedienne).
Humorous Monologue—
Perlmutter as an M.P.
Nicholas Adams.

Saxophone Solo—
Sax-o-phun.
La Cinquantaine... Rudy Woldoelt.
Monologue—
Our Child.
Charles Mack (of Moran & Mack—"The Two Black Crows").

Dialogue—
A Sermon on Throwing Stones.
"The Two Black Crows."
Song—
Baby Face.
I'm on My Way Home.
Jack Smith (Whispering Baritone).

Descriptive Sketch—
A Day's Broadcasting.
Clapham & Dwyer.

8.20-9.35 p.m.—
The Entire Musical Numbers of the Opera Pagliacci (Leoncavallo).
Sung in English by Principals & Chorus of the British National Opera Co.
9.35-10.05 p.m.—Talkie Tunes.

Song—
March of the Grenadiers from "The Love Parade".
Dream Lover from "The Love Parade".
Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano).

Song—
Ho! Riding Song of the Riffs from "The Desert Song".
One Alone from "The Desert Song".
Harry Welchman and Male Chorus.

Orchestral—
Am I Blue? from "On With the Show".
Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Song—
Rio Rita from "Rio Rita".
Richard Crooks (Tenor).

Vocal Duet—
D'Ye Love Me? from "Sunny".
Two Little Bluebirds from "Sunny".
Glady Rice & Franklin Baur.

10.05-10.25 p.m.—
Guitar Solo—
Tremolo Study (Tarrega).
Fandanguillo (Tarrega).
Andres Segovia.

Chorus—
Camp-Fire Sing Song (arr. Vernon Lee).
Vernon Lee and Caterham School Scouts.

Orchestral—
Kamennoi-Ostrov (Rubinstein).
Liebestraume (Liszt).
New Light Symphony Orch.
10.30 p.m. (approx.)—Close Down.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for August, 1931. Standard time of the 120th Meridian East of Greenwich are as follows:—

| | Sunrise | Sunset |
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| August | a.m. | p.m. |
| 19 | 6.02 | 6.52 |
| 20 | 6.02 | 6.52 |
| 21 | 6.02 | 6.51 |
| 22 | 6.03 | 6.50 |
| 23 | 6.03 | 6.49 |
| 24 | 6.03 | 6.49 |
| 25 | 6.03 | 6.48 |
| 26 | 6.03 | 6.47 |
| 27 | 6.04 | 6.45 |

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre;
"Don't Bet On Women."
To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Abraham Lincoln."
To-day—Central Theatre;
"The Storm."
To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"The Spoilers."
To-day—World Theatre;
"The Shadow."
To-day—Star Theatre;
"The Divorcee."

Home Malls.
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Empress of Russia).
Friday—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Hakusan Maru); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Hakusan Maru), 3.30 p.m.

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 4.

In all other fields man is the most inventive and ingenious of animals, but in matters of government he is left far behind by the anthropoid apes and chamed beyond measure by the bees and ants.—Mr. H. L. Mencken.

I have never heard of a political crisis in which common sense did not inspire the opposing sides to directly opposite ends.—Mr. Robert Lynd.

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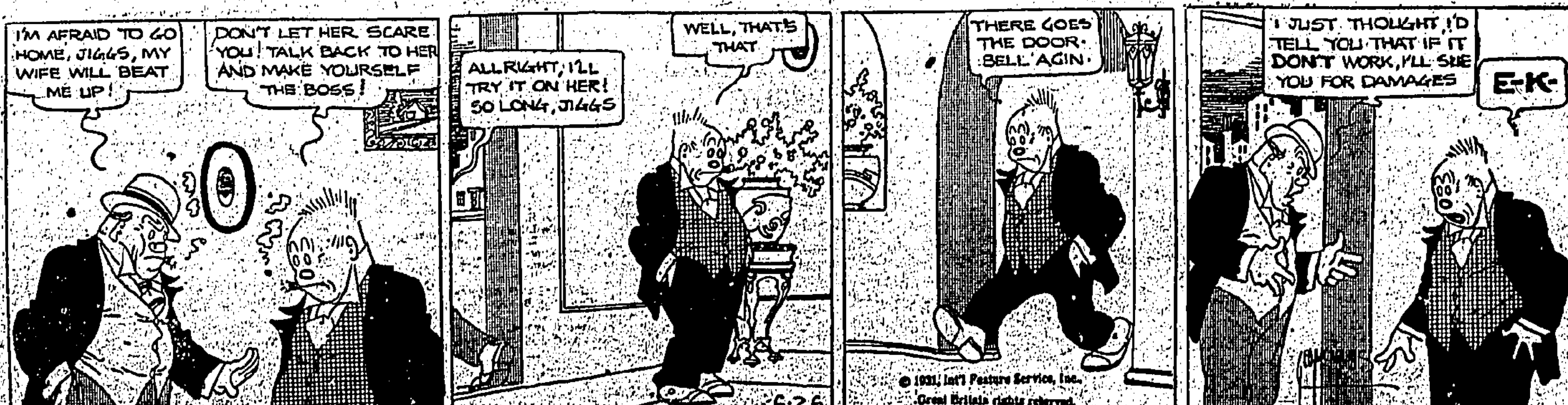
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

SWEEPING BILLIARDS VICTORIES.

Garrison Challenge
Cup Final.

BORDERERS H.Q. WIN.

The Headquarters Wing, South Wales Borderers, won the Garrison Challenge Cup, in a team match with the R.E. played at the Soldiers' Club last night. They won by 133 points, due to sweeping victories in the last two games, after being only one point in the lead after the fourth game.

Scores were—

| H.Q. Wing: | |
|---------------|-----|
| C/Sgt. Jarman | 115 |
| Pte. Walters | 135 |
| C.S.M. Kite | 150 |
| Drmr. Mathias | 150 |
| Pte. Davies | 150 |
| L/C Williams | 150 |

Total 850

R.E.

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| L/C Cottle | 150 |
| S/Sgt. Pollard | 150 |
| S.C. Smith | 105 |
| L/C Fretwell | 144 |
| Q.M.S. Daniels | 89 |
| L/Sgt. Deavall | 79 |

Total 717

A very keen game will be seen to-night, when the final of the Individual Championship will be played between S/Sgt. Pollard and L/C Cottle, both of the R.E's. The match will be one of 500 points up, commencing at 6 p.m.

THE DARK BLUES' REVIVAL.

Sterling Display During
Year's Contests.

CAMBRIDGE LEAD.

London, July 16. Although Oxford has shown a definite improvement this year, it has still been beaten by 14 events to 11 in the University sporting contests for the year which has just ended. Of what may be described as the more important events Cambridge won the Boat Race and the Sports, while Oxford won the Cricket and Hockey, both the Rugby and the Association Football matches being drawn. The results were—

Won by Cambridge.

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Boat Race | 2½ lengths |
| Athletics | 8-3 |
| Relay Races | 5-2 |
| Boxing | 4-3 |
| Lawn Tennis | 14-2 |
| Tennis | 3-0 |
| Billiards | 3-0 |
| Squash Rackets | 5-0 |
| Fencing | 7-6 |
| Badminton | 12-3 |
| Eton Fives | 3-0 |
| Rugby Fives | 365-162 |
| Ju-Jitsu | 5-2 |
| Shooting | 1,077-1,071 |

Won by Oxford.

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Cricket | 8 wickets |
| Hockey | 3-2 |
| Cross Country | 26-20 |
| Golf | 8-5 |
| Ice Hockey | 5-1 |
| Lacrosse | 10-3 |
| SKI-ing | 97.2-96.8 |
| Rackets | 2-1 |
| Polo | 9-0 |
| Swimming and Water | 18-13 |
| Polo | 18-13 |
| Small Bore Shooting | 768-759 |

Rugby Football 8 pts. all Association Football goal all Chess 3½ games all Drawn.

"TEDDY" JOHN MAKES HIS DEBUT.

Severely Punishes
Veteran.

London, Yesterday. "Teddy" John, of Chelsea, the son of the artist Augustus John, won his first fight as a professional boxer at the Croydon Stadium against Ted Giles of Croydon. John, who is a giant six feet high and 25 years of age, so severely punished Giles, the winner of 200 fights, that the referee stopped the fight in the eighth round. Reuter.

LOWRY'S POLICY IN DRAWN TEST.

ENGLAND MAKE MERRY.

Sutcliffe and "Duleep"
in Big Stand.

CROMB'S STEADY BOWLING.

Manchester, Yesterday. The weather to-day was fine though the wicket was very wet. There was no play before lunch as the wicket was drying rapidly and, the umpires inspecting the pitch immediately after lunch, it was decided that a further delay was necessary.

Late in the afternoon play commenced in what seemed farcical conditions. Lowry won the toss and put England in to bat. With only 8 runs on the board Sutcliffe lost Paynter to a catch behind the stumps off Cromb. A second wicket stand of 121 between Sutcliffe and K. S. Duleepsinhji, however, improved matters for England. Both players looked set for the century when "Duleep" cocked one up to Allcott when 63. Two wickets down for 134 was fairly good going. The New Zealanders met with further success thirty-two runs later when Hammond was taken off Vivian's bowling. Sutcliffe was batting very stolidly and completed his century on being joined by Jardine. The pair added 58 runs for the fourth wicket before stumps were drawn. Included in Sutcliffe's innings was a six and nine boundaries.

Full scores as cabled by Reuter were as follow—

ENGLAND—First Innings.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Sutcliffe, not out | 109 |
| Paynter, c James, b Cromb | 3 |
| K. S. Duleepsinhji, c Allcott, b Vivian | 63 |
| Hammond, c Cromb, b Vivian | 16 |
| D. R. Jardine, not out | 28 |
| Extras | 5 |

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 224
Fall of the wickets: 1 for 8; 2 for 134; 3 for 166.

Bowling Analysis.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Matheson | 12 | 1 | 40 | 0 |
| Cromb | 16 | 6 | 33 | 1 |
| Allcott | 27 | 6 | 75 | 0 |
| Vivian | 14 | 1 | 54 | 2 |
| Blunt | 1 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| Lowry | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

The New Zealand team was as follows:—T. C. Lowry, C. S. Dempster, C. F. W. Allcott, J. E. Mills, G. L. Weir, K. C. James, M. L. Page, I. B. Cromb, R. C. Blunt, H. G. Vivian, and A. M. Matheson.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.
LAWN TENNIS—To-day—Mixed Doubles—United Services R.C. v. University; Kowloon C.C. v. Club de Recrio.
LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—Division I.—Taikee R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.; Club de Recrio v. Kowloon B.C.; Division II.—Craigengower C.C. v. Taikee R.C.; Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Kowloon B.C. v. Club de Recrio; Electric R.C. v. Yacht Club.

ABROAD.
CRICKET—To-day; To-morrow and Friday—Middlesex v. Derbyshire at Lord's; Sussex v. Lancashire at Eastbourne; Kent v. Worcestershire at Dover; Essex v. Nottingham at Southend; Somerset v. Surrey at Taunton; Gloucestershire v. Glamorgan at Cheltenham; Northamptonshire v. Yorkshire at Northampton.
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday—Middlesex v. Kent at Lord's; Surrey v. Yorkshire at the Oval; Hampshire v. Leicestershire at Bournemouth; Sussex v. Worcestershire at Eastbourne; Essex v. New Zealand at Southend.
GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. WARWICKSHIRE at Gloucester.
NOTTS v. LANCASHIRE at Nottingham.
DERBYSHIRE v. GLAMORGAN at Chesterfield.
LAWN TENNIS—To-day—Saturday—U.S. Ladies' Championships at Forest Hills.
ATHLETICS—Saturday—England v. Italy at Stamford Bridge.
FOOTBALL—Saturday—Scottish League Programme.

JACK DEMPSEY'S DEBUT.

Sixteen Dollars for His
First Fight.

THINK OF IT!

When Jack Dempsey read in the papers in Los Angeles the other day that Gene Tunney received but 60 dollars for his first fight he let loose a hearty laugh.

"That's nothing," said Jack. "I fought for less than 50 dollars for my first fight. In my battle with big Andre Anderson in New York I received 16 dollars for ten rounds. Against 'Wild Burt' Kennedy in New York also I got the large sum of 43 dollars. Think of it, a total of 59 dollars for two fierce fights."

Dempsey also told of the time he promoted a fight in which he was one of the principals early in his career.

"When Freddie Woods, who was my partner in this show, counted up the receipts, we split 50 dollars between us."

BRITISH TOURISTS TRIUMPHANT.

Financial Loss for
Canada.

SOCCER DEPRESSION TOO.

The Football Association team have returned to London from their Canadian tour. The trip has been a most successful one from the playing point of view, all the 17 games having been won; but financially it is feared that Canada will suffer a loss, as the worldwide depression is as bad in Canada as elsewhere, and "gates" consequently suffered.

The tourists had civic receptions in every province they visited, and were free to go almost anywhere they desired. There were innumerable banquets, and the Dominion presented every player with a special medal in commemoration of the tour. In the 17 games played they scored 107 goals against 12.

INTERNATIONAL BOWLS.

American Application
Declined.

NOT FOR LOS ANGELES.

London, July 16. An application by the American Lawn Bowling Association for membership was declined at the annual meeting of the International Bowling Board at Westcliffe-on-Sea. It was also decided not to enter for the Olympic games at Los Angeles in 1932. A proposal to call the Board the Imperial Bowling Board will be submitted to affiliated associations for their consideration and discussed at the next meeting. The Board decided to send a team from the British Isles to Australia and New Zealand at the end of 1932, and to play next year's championship between England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales at Glasgow in the second week of July.

JAMES TO PLAY FOR THE ARSENAL.

Slight Errors in His
Telegram.

LONDON SCARE.

The omission of a little hyphen from a cable on a Friday night caused a quite incorrect statement as to the intentions of Alec James, the Arsenal's £8,000 football forward, as to whose future association with the club there has recently been some doubt.

The message, instead of stating that James was re-signing, stated that he was resigning. James has actually signed up again and will be seen in the Arsenal's colours for his third season this year.

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YORKSHIRE CAPTURE THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

DRAW WITH MIDDLESEX GIVES WHITE ROSE FIFTEENTH WIN

KENT NOW RUNNERS-UP

London, Yesterday.
By participating in a drawn game at Leeds against Middlesex to-day Yorkshire carried off the County Championship for the fifteenth time in the history of the Club, and for the sixth time since the War. When taking into consideration the five drawn games in which they have played their big lead in the championship race is all the more commendable.

Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follow:
Yorkshire drew with Middlesex at Leeds.
Scores:—
Middlesex: 190 for 5 dec.
Yorkshire: 141 for 3.

Surrey beat Somersetshire by an innings and 63 runs at Taunton.
Scores:—
Somerset: 236 (R. Lee 134*)
87 (Wensley 5 for 13).
Surrey: 386 for 8 dec. (Parks H. 125, Cook 109).

Derbyshire beat Northamptonshire by an innings and 71 runs at Northampton.
Scores:—
Northants: 90 (Townsend 8 for 45) and 56.
Derby: 217 for 6 dec. (Lee 141*).

Warwickshire beat Worcestershire by 84 runs at Worcester.
Scores:—
Warwick: 123 (Brook 5 for 21) and 200.
Worcester: 129 (R. E. S. Wyatt 6 for 52) and 110.

Leicestershire took first innings points from Glamorganshire at Leicester.
Scores:—
Glamorgan: 105 (Astill 5 for 27); 202 for 9 dec.
Leicester: 111 for 7 dec. and 97 for 5.

Gloucestershire drew with Surrey at Cheltenham.
Scores:—
Gloucester: 135.
Surrey: 98 for 8 (Parker 5 for 30).
Kent beat Notts by six wickets at Dover.
Scores:—
Notts: 124 (Freeman 6 for 76).
157 (C. S. Marriott 7 for 67).
Kent: 80 (Voce 8 for 40).
195 for four wickets.

Essex beat Hampshire by an innings and 62 runs at Southampton.
Scores:—
Hampshire: 91 (Eastman 5 for 15) 54 (Nichols 5 for 24).
H. T. O. Smith 4 for 8.
Essex: 207 (Kennedy 6 for 57).

The following were the most noteworthy batting and bowling feats accomplished during the week-end cricket programme:—
Batting.
Lee (Derby) 141*.
Lee, P. (Somerset) 134*.
H. T. O. Smith (Essex) 109.
Cook (Sussex) 109.
Bowling.
Voce (Notts) 8 for 40.
Townsend (Derby) 8 for 45.
C. S. Marriott (Kent) 7 for 67.
R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwick) 6 for 52.
Kennedy (Hampshire) 6 for 57.
Freeman (Kent) 6 for 76.
Wensley (Sussex) 5 for 13.
Eastman (Essex) 5 for 21.
Brook (Worcester) 5 for 24.
Nichols (Essex) 5 for 24.
Astill (Leicester) 5 for 27.
Parker (Gloucester) 5 for 30.
H. T. O. Smith (Essex) 4 for 8.

Century List.
The following have scored centuries in the County Championship competition this season:—
Holmes (Yorkshire v. Warwick) 250.
Holmes (Yorkshire v. Notts) 133.
Holmes (Yorkshire v. Lancashire) 125.
Hendren (Middlesex v. Notts) 232.
Hendren (Middlesex v. Warwick) 189.
Hendren (Middlesex v. Sussex) 125.
Hendren (Middlesex v. Gloucester) 117.
Hendren (Middlesex v. Warwick) 100.
Hendren (Middlesex v. Kent) 230.
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Lancashire) 195.
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Leicester) 187.
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Somerset) 183.
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Warwick) 129.
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Middlesex) 120.
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Hampshire) 107.
E. T. Killick (Middlesex v. Warwick) 206.
Parks (H.) (Sussex v. Essex) 200.
Parks (H.) (Sussex v. Somerset) 125.
Woolley (Kent v. Yorkshire) 188.
Woolley (Kent v. Northants) 168.
Woolley (Kent v. Lancashire) 108.
Woolley (Kent v. Warwick) 103.
Sandham (Surrey v. Glamorgan) 175.
Sandham (Surrey v. Somerset) 131.
Sandham (Surrey v. Hampshire) 113.
Sandham (Surrey v. Derby) 107.
Sandham (Surrey v. Glamorgan) 100.
G. T. S. Stevens (Middlesex v. Warwick) 170.
G. T. S. Stevens (Middlesex v. Warwick) 117.
G. T. S. Stevens (Middlesex v. Warwick) 113.
Hammond (Gloucester v. Sussex) 168.
Hammond (Gloucester v. Notts) 103.
Hammond (Gloucester) 100.
Hammond (Gloucester v. Worcester) 100.
Shepherd (Surrey v. Essex) 100.
Shepherd (Surrey v. Warwick) 140.

Hopwood (Lancashire v. Surrey) 165*.
Hopwood (Lancashire v. Warwick) 126.
Langridge, J. (Sussex v. Glamorgan) 161.
Walters (Worcester v. Northants) 153.
Dacre (Gloucester v. Northants) 165.
Dacre (Gloucester v. Warwick) 119.
Dacre (Gloucester v. Hampshire) 101.
Dacre (Gloucester v. Lancashire) 100.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Worcester) 161.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Essex) 193.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Kent) 127.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Hampshire) 127.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Surrey) 162.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Essex) 140.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Leicester) 112.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Northants) 112.
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex v. Middlesex) 112.
C. T. Bray (Essex v. Glamorgan) 122.
Mead (Hampshire v. Surrey) 166.
Mead (Hampshire v. Northants) 106.
Mead (Hampshire v. Sussex) 106.
C. C. Case (Somerset v. Surrey) 155.
C. C. Case (Somerset v. Hampshire) 131.
Iddon (Lancashire v. Kent) 153.
Iddon (Lancashire v. Middlesex) 137.
Hearne (Middlesex v. Leicester) 152*.

FIRST CLASS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE TO DATE.

| | 1st Inns. | No. | Pos. | Pts. | Pts. |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----|------|------|------|
| Yorkshire (3) | 25 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| Kent (5) | 26 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| Sussex (7) | 25 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 1 |
| Notts (4) | 25 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Gloucestershire (2) | 24 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Warwickshire (15) | 26 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| Derbyshire (9) | 26 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Lancashire (1) | 24 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| Essex (6) | 26 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 3 |
| Surrey (8) | 25 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Middlesex (16) | 25 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 2 |
| Somersetshire (14) | 26 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 7 |
| Worcestershire (10) | 26 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 5 |
| Hampshire (13) | 25 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| Glamorganshire (11) | 25 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 6 |
| Leicestershire (12) | 25 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 10 |
| Northamptonshire (17) | 25 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 9 |

The figures in brackets were the positions occupied by the counties at the close of the 1930 season. The method of scoring this year is as follows:—15 points for a win; 7½ points for a tie; 5 points for a win on the first innings and 3 points for a loss on first innings; 4 points for a tie on the first innings and 4 points for a no result.

E. W. Dawson (Leicester v. Gloucester) 123.
Shipman (Leicester v. Middlesex) 120.
Rev. J. H. Parsons (Warwick v. Lancashire) 119.
Rev. J. H. Parsons (Warwick v. Notts) 108.
Rev. J. H. Parsons (Warwick v. Somerset) 106.
Mitchell (Yorkshire v. Somerset) 134.
Mitchell (Yorkshire v. Hampshire) 113.
Nichol (Worcester v. Middlesex) 116.
Astill (Leicester v. Sussex) 115.
Astill (Leicester v. Warwick) 115.
Storer (Derby v. Surrey) 115.
Alderman (Derby v. Surrey) 115.
Staples, A. (Notts v. Yorkshire) 131.
Staples, A. (Notts v. Somerset) 113.
Bakewell (Northants v. Gloucester) 134.
Bakewell (Northants v. Glamorgan) 113.
Gibbons (Worcester v. Middlesex) 183.
Gibbons (Worcester v. Northants) 113.
Gibbons (Worcester v. Derby) 109.
Gibbons (Worcester v. Notts) 110.
Lee (J.) (Somerset v. Northants) 113.
Lee (F.) (Somerset v. Sussex) 113.
Ames (Kent v. Sussex) 112.
Batt (Glamorgan v. Essex) 109.
Cotmore (Essex v. Sussex) 109.
Croom (Warwick v. Notts) 159.
Croom (Warwick v. Kent) 109.
Croom (Warwick v. Northants) 105.
Croom (Warwick v. Glamorgan) 103.
Croom (Warwick v. Derby) 103.
Croom (Warwick v. Lancashire) 102.
Neal (Gloucester v. Leicester) 105.
Kennedy (Hampshire v. Northants) 103.
Cook (Sussex v. Somerset) 109.
Cook (Sussex v. Glamorgan) 108.
Cook (Sussex v. Gloucester) 107.
Kecton (Notts v. Essex) 100.
O'Connor (Essex v. Lancashire) 122.
O'Connor (Essex v. Northants) 118.
O'Connor (Essex v. Kent) 100.
Bates (Warwick v. Notts) 103.
R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwick v. Northants) 161.
R. E. S. Wyatt (Warwick v. Surrey) 100.
Hallows (Lancashire v. Gloucester) 100.
J. C. White (Somerset v. Notts) 100.
Paynter (Lancashire v. Warwick) 100.
Gunn, G. (Notts v. Warwick) 183.
Gunn, V. G. (Notts v. Warwick) 100.
Derby (Leicester v. Northants) 156.
C. A. Fiddian Green (Worcester v. Essex) 108.
Quicke, B. W. (Worcester v. Middlesex) 107.
Horrocks (Lancashire v. Notts) 100.
E. F. Longrigg (Somerset v. Yorkshire) 100.
* denotes not out.
† scored in his benefit match.
† A Century scored in each innings.

Bowling Honours.
The following have taken ten or more wickets in a County Championship match:—
Parker (Gloucester v. Notts) 15 for 113.
Parker (Gloucester v. Derby) 14 for 91.
Parker (Gloucester v. Leicester) 11 for 103.
Parker (Gloucester v. Surrey) 11 for 153.
Parker (Gloucester v. Worcester) 11 for 179.
Parker (Gloucester v. Warwick) 10 for 83.

DUNDEE UNITED ARE SUCCESSFUL.

Defeat Queen's Park in Away Fixture.

COWDENBEATH WIN.

London, Yesterday.
Two matches were played in the First Division of the Scottish League to-day and resulted as follows:—
Queen's Park 1 Dundee Utd. 2.
St. Mirren 1 Cowdenbeath 4.
—Reuter.

YORKSHIRE "GUARD" AGAIN.

323 for First Wicket Against Lancashire.

SUTCLIFFE'S ARTISTRY.

Herbert Sutcliffe followed up his great display in the second Test against the New Zealanders at the Oval by another splendid innings for Yorkshire during which he helped Percy Holmes to establish a new first wicket record in the matches against Lancashire the two putting together 323 before Sutcliffe, who made 195, was out, to a brilliant catch by Paynter at deep square-leg.

He outshone his partner, employing some superb off drives, and his only chance was one to Paynter at second slip when he had scored 118. Altogether Sutcliffe scored 21 boundaries.

During his innings he reached his 2,000 runs for the season, being the second batsman to accomplish this feat this year.

Holmes was out 20 minutes afterwards for 125, scored in four hours and 50 minutes. His one chance was given to the wicket-keeper who had the opportunity of stumping him when he was 103, otherwise it was a faultless innings. He reached the boundary on eight occasions.

This was not the biggest partnership between the famous Yorkshire pair, for against Hampshire at Portsmouth in 1920 they scored 347, this being the only other occasion on which they have gone into the third hundred together, though Holmes (twice) and Sutcliffe (thrice) have figured in partnerships of over 300 during later stages of an innings. Yorkshire, of course, hold the record for a first-wicket partnership, 554 by J. T. Brown and J. Tunnicliffe against Derbyshire at Chesterfield in 1898.

At the moment it is unwise for any British girl to be positive about her achievements. Form is topsy-turvy, and tennis reputations are going up and down as rapidly as stocks in an exchange boom.—Mrs. Fearnley Whittingstall.

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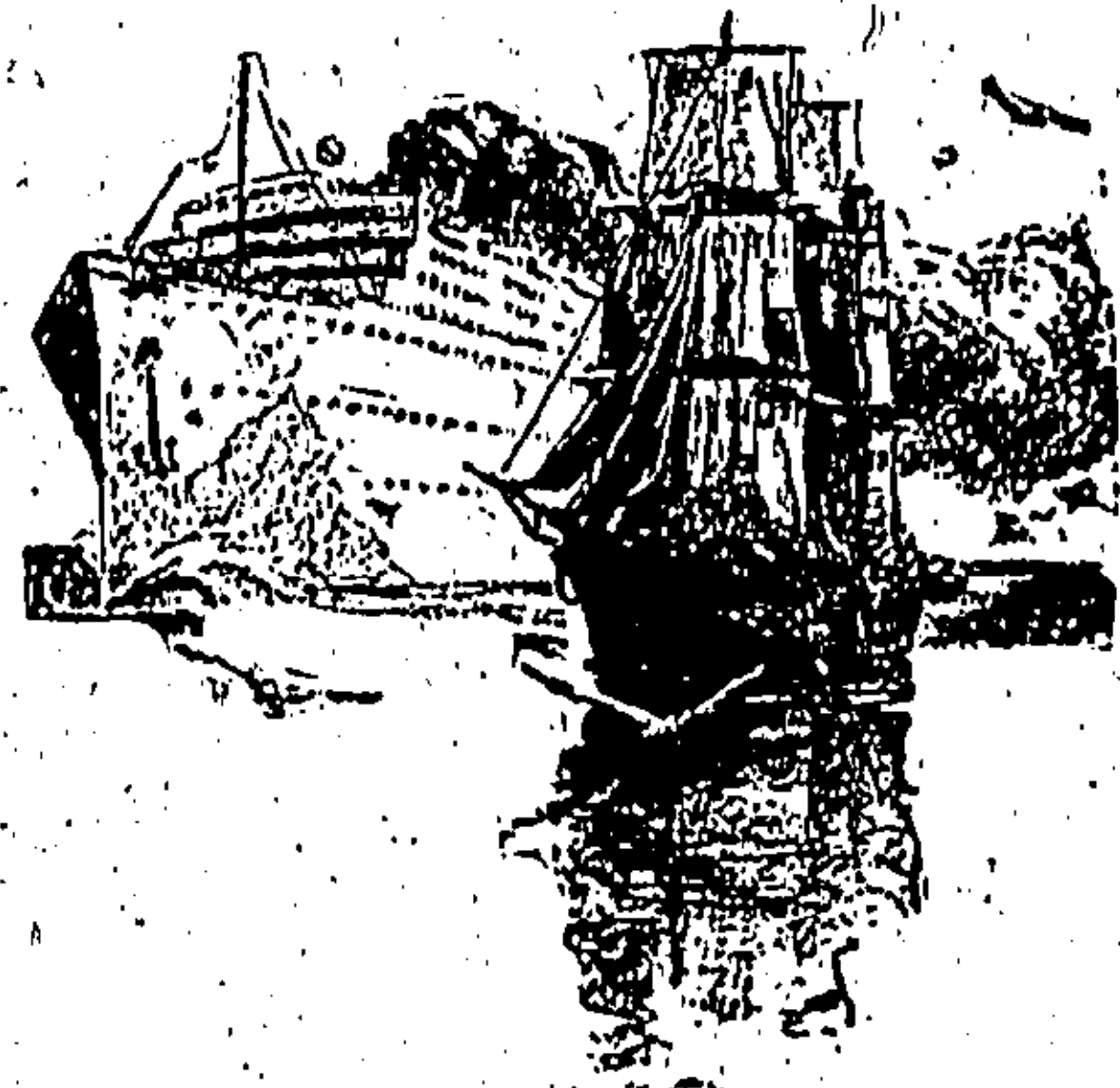


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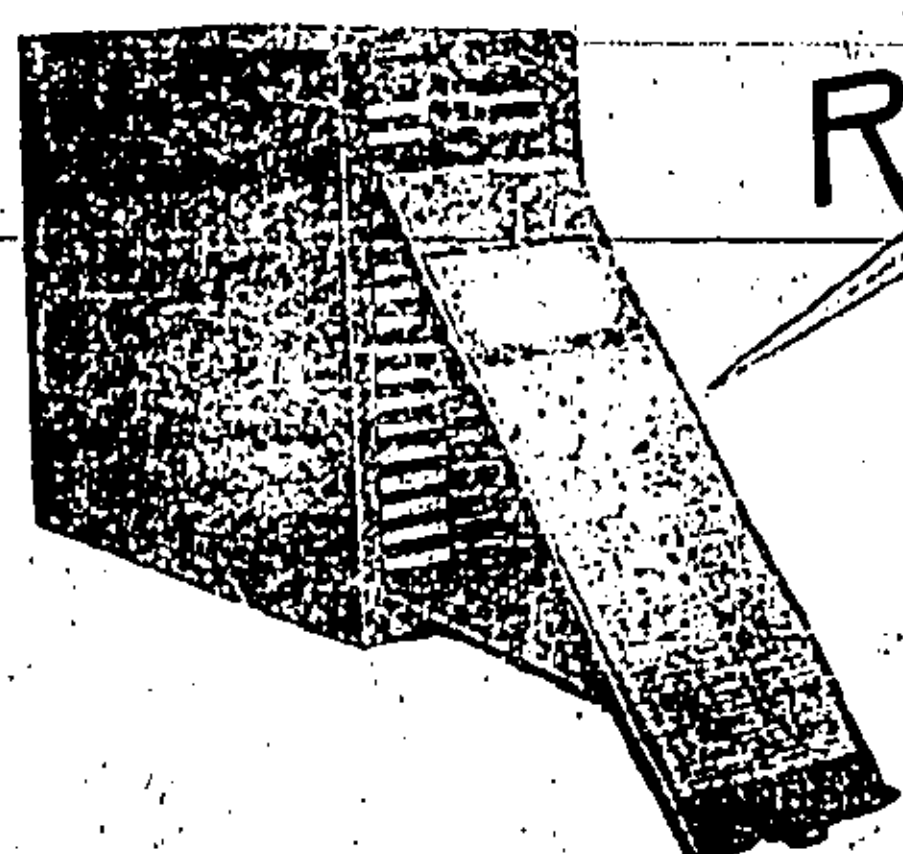
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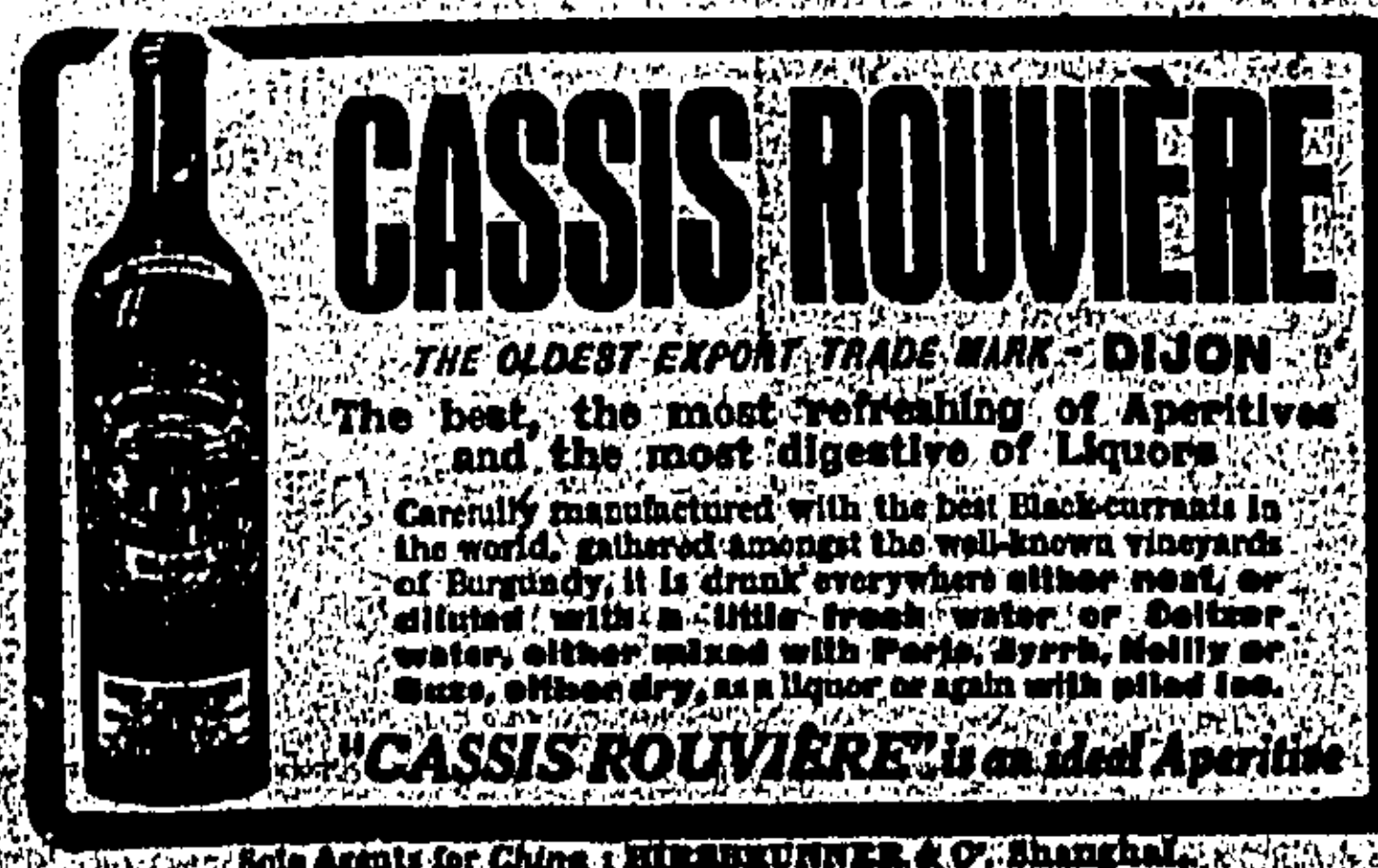
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Trade Commissioners.

One of the hardy annuals in the realm of commerce in the Orient is the subject of Trade Commissioners. In every centre of importance the utility—nay, the absolute necessity—of Trade Commissioners has been emphasised in the Press to the point almost of wearied reiteration. Local enthusiasm in the topic speedily dissipates, however, because of the sheer indifference of the British and Australian Governments in particular. Many years ago there was, it is true, an Australian Trade Commissioner, with headquarters, if we remember aright, in Singapore, but the need for retrenchment even in those far off days—or, more probably, the lack of foresight in regard to the trade of the Orient—caused his disappearance from the Estimates. To-day the development of Australian trade depends for the most part on the wholesale importing firms in the Orient more than on any sustained effort in the Commonwealth itself to foster trade between Australia and the Orient.

In commenting some weeks ago on the conservative policy of Australian and British exporters we cited the instance of an Australian medical product for which enquiries were made in this Colony for over two years, only to be met with the statement by one retail firm that there was only a demand for it on the rare occasion of an Australian warship being in port. Yet, when a factory for the same product was opened in Great Britain the sales of it grew enormously—thanks to an intensive advertising campaign—while supplies began to filter through to Hong Kong and other parts of the Orient.

During the past month we have seen another Australian product on sale here for the first time. Its sales are immense right throughout Australia, particularly in Western Australia, but few in this Colony (outside those who

have lived in Australia) know anything of its quality. No effort is being made either by the wholesale importers or the retailers to make its availability known to the community here. Most likely nothing in this direction will be done and, in due course, the Australian exporters will be instructed to stop further supplies as there is insufficient demand for it in Hong Kong. Had there been an Australian Trade Commissioner, with headquarters in Hong Kong during the past six years, a roaring trade would have been done long ere this in both of the Australian products specified.

It is hoped that copies of the speech of the American Trade Commissioner, at the Rotary Club yesterday will be despatched by the General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the headquarters of similar bodies in Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. They ought to derive useful information and useful advice therefrom. If America, Canada, and Spain can reap practical results from the existence of Trade Commissioners in this Colony, surely similar advantages can accrue from the appointment of a British Commercial Attache and an Australian and New Zealand Trade Commissioner. But the insistent demand for such ought to come first and foremost from British and Australasian trade interests already in the Colony. If commercial conservatism exists locally, one cannot be surprised at a similar spirit obtaining so long in Britain and the Commonwealth of Australia.

News in Brief.

According to a Reuter message dated yesterday from Long City, Spitzbergen, the Nautilus left yesterday at 4 p.m. for the North Pole.

The DO-X has left for New York from Para, when the giant flying motor had been awaiting a Reuter message from Rio de Janeiro.

Miss Amy Johnson is planning to start her return flight to England on August 24, after joining in the local welcome to Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh, says a Reuter message from Tokyo.

Two soldiers are alleged to have escaped from the Detention Barracks at Garden Road shortly before 11 o'clock this morning. Both belong to the Arzyl and Sutherland Highlanders.

Tso Luk (44) a coolie, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to his chest caused by a bag of sugar falling on him whilst at work on the s.s. Sam Kwong.

In an alleged attempt to commit suicide Cheung Kwai-mui, a married woman, 34 years of age, living at 586 Canton Road, swallowed a quantity of opium. She lies in a serious condition in the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Eight Chinese coolies were brought to the Kowloon Police Court this morning and charged with attempting to stowaway on the s.s. Apoo to Samoa. A fine of \$50, or one month's imprisonment, was imposed.

Whilst working in the Wing San Knitting factory, 50 Sai Young Choi Street, yesterday afternoon, Lai Mui (20), a spinster, accidentally got her hair caught in one of the machines, and received injuries to her head. She was taken to the Kowloon Hospital where injuries were found to be of a slight nature.

OCCASIONAL RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's report issued to-day at 10.40 a.m. says:

The typhoon has moved rapidly to the N.W. of Korea. A depression remains over S.W. China.

A feeble anti-cyclone covers Japan. Forecast: S. or variable winds, moderate; generally overcast, occasional rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.23 inch. Total since January 1—58.81 inches against an average of 61.09 inches—deficit 2.28 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

| | |
|---------------|----|
| Hong Kong | 78 |
| Pratas Island | 81 |
| Macao | 79 |
| Manila | 76 |
| Foochow | 78 |
| Amoy | 80 |
| Chefoo | 78 |
| Shanghai | 76 |

The body of a man, Lau Lo (27), who was drowned whilst weighing anchor in Aberdeen harbour on Thursday last, was recovered yesterday. It will be recalled that four men employed on a junk engaged a sampan when it suddenly capsized, throwing its occupants into the water. Three managed to save themselves, but a fourth was drowned.

Yesterday the Pulis Judge (Mr. R. E. Lindell) passed sentence of three years' hard labour on Wong Ho who was found guilty by the jury at the Assizes on a charge of assaulting Pun Wo with intent to rob him on July 6. An alternative charge of being found in 27, North Street, Kennedy Town, on the night of July 6 with felonious intent was not proceeded with.

The Rev. Father Froc, S.J., director of the Zicawei Observatory, passed through the Colony on his way to France yesterday, and was the guest of the Rotary Club, where Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, paid tribute to the work done in the cause of meteorology by him. Father Froc was unable to stay for lunch, as he was to leave by the French mail boat at 2 p.m.

At the Sanitary Board Meeting yesterday the Chairman gave formal notice of moving at the next meeting the appointment of a Select Committee to advise the Board in the matter of exemptions and modifications from all or any of the conditions laid down in by-law 4 of the by-law governing Food-preserving Establishments. The Chairman suggested that the Committee consist of Mr. M. K. Lo, Dr. R. A. Castro Busto, and Mr. Wong Kwong-mun.

RED MOVEMENT IN THE FAR EAST.

Widespread Campaign Broken Up.

SINGAPORE ARRESTS.

For the first time the full story is revealed of the break-up of the Far Eastern Communist movement by the Singapore Criminal Investigation Department. The recent arrest of a French Communist in Singapore had important repercussions in other Far Eastern cities, owing to incriminating documents found in his possession, says the Malaya Tribune.

Aside from the actual beginning of General Chiang Kai-shek's military drive against the Communist armies and Red bandit gangs in Kiangsi province, says the China Weekly Review, the most interesting development in Far Eastern Red politics has been the arrest and incarceration of a number of European Communists and their Chinese assistants who undoubtedly constituted the "brains" of the movement and the "link" between the Red armies in Central China and the Soviet Third International. The arrest and prosecution at Singapore of Joseph Ducroux, a notorious French Communist, has resulted in the breaking up of a widespread plot which was apparently being engineered by the Third International for the purpose of stirring up Red uprisings throughout the Far East, including the important cities of Singapore, Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Hankow and Tientsin, said uprisings apparently being staged to take place prior to General Chiang Kai-shek's launching of his recent anti-Communist campaign against the Chinese Red generals who dominate large sections of central and south China.

Started From Moscow. Joseph Ducroux, who went by the name of Serge Lefranc, was arrested in Singapore by the British authorities upon information originally broadcast from Paris in 1928. The French Government had denied him a passport to visit Far Eastern countries and had issued a circular to that effect, but Ducroux changed his name to "Lefranc" and succeeded in obtaining a passport. He first proceeded to Moscow and then came to the Far East by way of the Trans-Siberian Railway, stopping en route in Manchuria where he is supposed to have organized Communist "cells" among the Chinese and Korean students, following which he proceeded down the China coast, visiting Dairen, Tientsin, Peking, Shanghai, Hankow and Hong Kong. He arrived in Singapore in April of this year and opened an office in one of the chief business buildings where he pretended to be pushing the sale of various French products.

The Criminal investigation Department of the British police at Singapore were attracted by Ducroux's activities as a result of frequent visits to his office by Chinese students, Indians and Malays as well as young Javanese from the Dutch East Indies. Most of the Chinese who visited his office were from the interior province of Hupeh which long has been a centre of Chinese Red activities due to the depredations of Ho Lung, a notorious Red "general" who previously was associated with Bordoin, the Soviet adviser to the radical Kuomintang Government in Hankow in 1927. Mr. R. H. Onraet, director of the British "C.I.D." at Singapore, finally engaged an office in the same building where Ducroux operated and by intercepting his mail and examining the contents of his waste basket finally obtained the evidence upon which he was arrested. Among Ducroux's papers was found a note-book containing lists of names and addresses of fellow Communist conspirators of various nationalities, chiefly Russians and Chinese, throughout the Far East. Ducroux was charged with stirring up seditious movements in the British Colonies and was sentenced to eighteen months in jail. Among his papers was found a plan for organizing Communist groups in British India.

A General Round-Up. As a result of the information brought out at the Ducroux trial at Singapore, the British and Chinese police authorities at Hong Kong, Shanghai and Hankow, and the French police authorities in the Shanghai French Concession, were able to make a general round-up of Communist agents. Two foreigners, a man giving the name of Moulens and a woman giving the name of

Vanderuyssen, both claiming to be Belgians, were arrested in the Shanghai International Settlement, but when brought before the Belgian Consul were unable to prove their claim to Belgian nationality. When brought before the Chinese District Court, both were considered to be Russians. Papers found in the possession showed that they had been in secret communication with Ducroux in Communist activities. Others arrested at Shanghai included a Chinese popularly known as the "Stalin of China." He was turned over to the Chinese military authorities, and immediately shot. The French authorities at Shanghai were also enabled somewhat earlier to bag three Tonkinese who had been engaged in spreading Communist doctrines among the French Annamite troops stationed at Shanghai. Two other well-known Chinese Communists named Chen Tou-hsiu and Huang Chi-hsiang, both of whom had recently returned to Hong Kong from Russia and one of whom had in his possession American bank notes amounting to approximately \$50,000, managed to escape the British police in that city and apparently fled to Canton where they were said to have been given protection by Canton officialdom. The Chinese Communist, popularly known as the "Stalin of China," named Hsiang Chung-fa, also had recently returned to China from Moscow. Another Chinese Communist whose address appeared in Ducroux's note-book was named When-Ay-Kok—He was arrested in Hong Kong and, according to reports in the Hong Kong newspapers, the documents found in his possession showed that he had an international record but was chiefly concerned with Communism in Indo-China. A number of Chinese associates of Ducroux in Singapore, most of them hailing from Hupeh province and one of whom was named Foo Tai-keng, were deported from the Straits Settlements immediately following Ducroux's conviction. A Chinese girl Communist (a Cantonese aged only 19 years) and another Chinese youth from Hupeh were found in possession of a large printing outfit where Communist literature was being turned out in large lots. A Singapore Indian named Amulu who was arrested in the Ducroux round-up created a disturbance when lodged in prison by delivering a speech on Communism to the other prisoners, about thirty in number. Two Javanese Communists named Majid and Jamaludin were also deported.

Money For Propaganda. The Frenchman Ducroux, when arrested, had in his possession travellers' cheques issued by a well-known American firm amounting to more than G\$12,000, while the two foreign Communists arrested at Shanghai were alleged to be in possession of still larger sums which were deposited in several Chinese banks. The breaking-up of this gang of Communists, reputedly the "brains" of the Communist movement in the Far East, is expected to simplify General Chiang Kai-shek's campaign against the Communist "armies" and "red bandit" gangs in Hupeh, Hunan, Fukien and Kiangsi provinces, as it probably will make it more difficult for them to communicate with their principals in Europe who have been supplying finances and campaign plans.

ANOTHER FAILS.

Los Angeles Bank Closes.

New York, Yesterday. The United States National Bank (a Los Angeles institution which is unconnected with Government) has not opened its doors. Its resources are stated to be over \$18,000,000.—Reuter's American Services.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of August 19, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8%.

Shocking cruelty to a 10-year old mul-tal was alleged against a well-dressed young Chinese woman who was charged before Magistrate Lindell this morning. Sergeant Stimson said that the defendant was alleged to have tied the child to a bed-post and burned her face with matches. The child was so severely burned that she had to be detained at the Government Civil Hospital. Dr. Moore is paying special attention to the child's injuries.

NEW BARRISTER ADMITTED.

Mr. Richard Chuan Ho Lim.

H.K. 'VARSITY GRADUATE.

A new barrister in the Colony, in the person of Mr. Richard Chuan Ho Lim, B.A., was admitted to practice by the Chief Justice, Sir Joseph H. Kemp K.C., this morning.

The Attorney-General made the application, stating that Mr. Lim had been called to the Outer Bar by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, on June 17 last. The application was supported by the usual affidavits.

The Chief Justice, in admitting Mr. Lim, said he had much pleasure in so doing, and trusted that Mr. Lim's career in the Colony would be a successful one.

Mr. Richard Lim is a graduate of the Hong Kong University, where he took his B.A. degree in 1927. He came here from the Straits Settlements as the holder of a Straits Settlements Government Scholarship. He left here for England in 1928, joining the Middle Temple. Later he specialised in research and international law, at the Geneva School for International Studies. He returned to Hong Kong only very recently.

Mr. Lim, it may be noted, is the son-in-law of Mr. Wong Kwok-shuen, Chief Manager of the National and Savings Bank, Ltd., of Hong Kong.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Typhoid, Diphtheria and Tuberculosis.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended August 15 is as follows:—

| Cases | Deaths |
|---------------------|--------|
| Typhoid fever | 3 |
| Diphtheria | 1 |
| Tuberculosis | 44 |

One case of typhoid was imported.

Summary to August 15.

The returns from January 1 to August 15 give the following figures:—

| Cases | Deaths |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Typhoid | 110 |
| Small-pox | 33 |
| Scarlet fever | 14 |
| Diphtheria | 9 |
| Cerebro-spinal fever | 3 |
| Puerperal fever | 79 |
| Paratyphoid fever | 13 |
| Tuberculosis | 6 |
| | 8 |
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Eighteen of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were three scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, one cerebro-spinal fever case, and 25 diphtheria cases.

BIG LIBEL ACTION.

New Theory for Origin of Great War.

A strange libel suit against General Ludendorff which has been delayed for one reason and another for three years and four months, has begun in Gotha.

General Ludendorff, who has been busily destroying his great reputation of the War years by the wildest political crank doctrines ever since, believes that in 1914 Germany was a victim of a conspiracy of the three super-State powers, the Jesuits, the Jews and the Freemasons.

On January 17, 1928, he asserted in a public speech, that the Grand Master of the German Lodge of Freemasons, Count von Dohna, had known of the plot to murder the Austrian heir-apparent and provoke a European war as early as 1911, and was guilty of high treason because he had taken no steps to prevent the tragedy of Sarajevo.

Count von Dohna, a veteran of 1870, a member of one of the oldest East Prussian families and a loyal monarchist, naturally took steps to defend his honour.

The informant whom General Ludendorff had quoted has had to admit that he had nothing but suppositions to go on, and General Ludendorff's representative tried to make out that his statements had not been quite so definite as they seemed to have been.

He further argued that there were close relations between the German judges and the judges under French leadership, but this was denied by the representative of Count von Dohna.

BUILDING LAW.

One House, One Well, One Pump.

MOTION ADJOURNED.

At the meeting, yesterday afternoon, of the Sanitary Board, the following motion standing in the name of Mr. M. K. Lo was adjourned to the next meeting of the Board:—

"That the Select Committee of the Board appointed to exercise the powers and functions of the Board under section 162 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance be invited to examine into the existing practice relating to the requirement of 'one house, one well, one pump' and to report to the Board what are the grounds for this requirement and whether and under what conditions it is possible and desirable to relax them."

Mr. Lo said:—In view of the absence from the Colony of one of the members of the Board, Mr. F. C. Hall, and in view of the fact that Mr. T. N. Chau—who had agreed to second my motion this afternoon, informed me this morning that he was unavoidably prevented from coming, I move that the motion standing in my name be adjourned to the next meeting of the Board.

Dr. R. A. Castro Basto seconded. Carried.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer upon Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Corps Surgeon, the honour of Serving Brother Venerable Order of St. John, and Associate Serving Brother upon Mr. Chak Tai-kwong, Corps Superintendent.

The Investiture will take place on a date convenient to His Excellency the Governor, Knight of Grace of the Venerable Order of St. John.

The Grand Prior, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, has approved the issue of Long Service Medals to Corps Superintendent Chak Tai-kwong and Sergt. Chang Wang-fat, Y.M.C.A. Ambulance Division.

Getting rich is at best a morally dangerous business, but perhaps the quicker the better: the slow piling up of wealth is a very hardening process.—Miss Cecilia Townsend.

THREE YEARS FOR PIRACY.

Four-Year-Old Attack Brought Up.

FUTILE DENIAL.

Chan Sam, a Chinese charged with participation in a piracy off Lan Tau Island, on January 29, 1927, was found guilty at the Assizes yesterday, and sentenced by the Chief Justice to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

The piracy occurred when a man, his wife, small child, and a foki, was attacked en route to Cheung Chau in their boat. The foki was killed, and his body later thrown overboard. The little girl was later sold by the pirates. The man and his wife were kept prisoners for some months in a hut on shore, but were eventually liberated when the woman had managed to raise money for ransom.

Prisoner was undefended, but made a statement saying that the accusations that he was a pirate was false. He contended that he was a victim of the pirates himself, and had been forced to carry out their orders. He denied carrying firearms. He alleged that he was released at the same time as the complainants, and went to Macao with them.

His Lordship, in summing up, said that the evidence for the prosecution might appear to be contradictory on some points, but the incident had occurred over four years ago. Prisoner's story might be true, but he had not stated specifically how compulsion was used.

ALLEGED SWINDLE.

Bank Note Case Hearing Fixed.

Three afternoons of next week (August 26, 27 and 28) were allotted in the Central Police Court this morning by Mr. Williams for hearing of the case in which Kong Sze-yik and Leo Artur d'A. Guimaraes are charged in connection with the alleged \$7,000 bank note swindle. Guimaraes is also charged with the alleged larceny of \$3,000 by a similar swindle at 6, Caine Road recently.

PATH OF TRADE.

Commissioners & Their Duties.

ADDRESS TO ROTARIANS.

Mr. D. M. Maynard, Acting Trade Commissioner for America, gave an interesting address to Rotarians at the weekly tiffin yesterday.

Mr. Maynard traced the development of trade supervision up to the time when Special Commissioners were considered necessary, to handle the work previously left to Consular and diplomatic agencies. He went on to describe the organization of the United States Department of Commerce in China, adding that in Hong Kong there were now Trade Commissioners representing America, Canada, and Spain.

The work had numerous angles, the Trade Commissioner's office acting in the first place as a news service for general market information. Another phase was the investigation into the general market for commodities, and a third was the gathering of detailed information as regards local companies. The investigation of sales outlets for all kinds of articles was also closely studied.

Mr. Maynard then described the organization in the United States, whose motto, he said, was that of "Service."

Mr. P. S. Cassidy thanked the speaker on behalf of those present.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT.

Children Fall Into Street.

ONE DEAD.

A tragic accident occurred yesterday in Spring Garden Lane, on the second floor of house No. 46. It appears that two sisters, Wong Sut-tong, aged four years, and Wong Shiu kwan (5) were playing on the verandah when they accidentally fell to the street below.

The younger was killed outright, whilst the elder received severe injuries in the nature of bruises, and also suffered from shock. She is now in the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition.

RABIES IN THE COLONY.

Queries Answered at Sanitary Board.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. M. K. Lo asked questions at the Sanitary Board yesterday relating to the appearance of rabies in Kowloon. The questions together with the answers given by the Chairman (Mr. G. R. Sayer) on the advice of the Acting Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, were as under:

Q.—In view of the reported re-appearance of one case of rabies in Kowloon, will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to ascertain from the proper Authority, and state for the information of the public:

What is the maximum period within which a dog can live after showing clinical signs of rabies?

A.—That depends on the maximum length of life of a dog, for the dog may recover.

Q.—Is the following advice, contained in "The Practice of Medicine in the Tropics" (Edited by Byam and Archibald) Vol. III, page 2212, sound?—"The Biting Animal: Do not destroy it, but keep it under observation until definite symptoms of rabies have developed, or for a period of ten days. If at the end of this period the animal is still alive and well, then it cannot have conveyed infection; the bitten person is free from risk, and if treatment has commenced it may be discontinued."

A.—Yes, if the figure 'fourteen' is substituted for the figure 'ten'; and if the reference is only to dogs which have not been vaccinated against rabies.

Q.—After a dog has been injected with anti-rabies vaccine, and then shows signs of that disease, does the period of ten days mentioned above hold good? If not, what should be the period of detention and observation in such a case?

A.—The advice does not hold good in the case of dogs which have been vaccinated against rabies.

The period of detention and observation in such cases is from 12 to 18 months.

Q.—In the interests of public safety, is it the practice (a) to keep a dog bitten by a rabid dog in quarantine for observation, and (b) if so, what is the period of such quarantine?

A.—(a) Yes.
(b) 6 to 8 months.

MURDERER CALLED AS WITNESS.

Against Man Charged with Same Crime.

Belfast, July 14.

There was a remarkable development this evening during the trial at County Down Assizes of Gerald Kennedy, a travelling pedlar, who was charged with the murder of Miss Ellen Maguire, aged 72, at Dromara, County Down, on February 27 last. Kennedy, with a second man, Francis Morrison, was indicted at the spring Assizes for the crime, but Mr. Justice Wilson then agreed to an application for the men to be tried separately. Morrison was tried first, and was convicted and sentenced to death. Before the date of the execution Kennedy was tried and the jury disagreed, the prisoner being sent forward to the summer Assizes now sitting at Downpatrick.

Meantime Morrison has been re-arrested, and he was summoned as a witness against Kennedy to-day. When Morrison took his place in the witness-box Lord Chief Justice Moore, who presided, asked the Attorney General, who prosecuted, what the witness was going to prove. The Attorney General said a complaint was made at the last trial that Morrison was not produced for cross-examination.

His Lordship: I am against a man in his position giving evidence. Somebody may suggest—I am not saying it is done—that if he gives evidence his sentence will be reduced.

The Attorney General assented, and when the Judge asked counsel for the defence if he wished to cross-examine Morrison counsel replied in the negative.

Morrison was then ordered by the Judge to leave the witness-box and was removed to the cells. Kennedy was found guilty and sentenced to death.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

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Agents.
Hong Kong, 19th August, 1931.

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INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 1) and Europe via

Siberia (London, Aug. 1) and Empress of Russia

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

Shanghai and Swatow

Australia and Manila

Sandakan

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, July 23)

Japan

Japan and Shanghai

Java via Sourabaya

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.

Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, July 23)

Java and Manila

Manila

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, July 24)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23.

Japan and Shanghai

MONDAY, AUGUST 24.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, July 31)

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via

Siberia

Straits

Samshui and Wuchow

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

Fort Bayard

Swatow

Manila

Amoy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong

Japan

Poochow via Swatow

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow

Amoy

Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via

Siberia

Saigon

Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

Hakusan Maru

Yingchow

Kitano Maru (Due Thursday Island, Sept. 3.)

Registration

Letters

*Superficial correspondence only.

GENERAL NOTICES.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that owing to the non-arrival of Subscription Ponies from Shanghai, the Stewards are reluctantly compelled to cancel the 2nd day of the Inaugural Race Meeting, viz., 7th September. The Meeting will therefore be held on Sunday, 6th September only. Draft Programmes with the necessary alterations and Entry Forms may be obtained at the offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, 6, Des Voeux Road Central.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, 25th August, 1931.

By Order,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

LAMMERT BROS.

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The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, August 14, 1931.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, wire

Bank, on demand

Bank, 4 months' sight 11 7/16

Credits, 4 months' sight 1/— 1/16

Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/— 3/16

On Paris—
On demand

Credits, 4 months' sight

On Berlin—
On demand

On New York—
On demand

Credits, 60 days' sight

On Bombay—
Wire

On demand

On Calcutta—
Wire

On demand

On Singapore—
On demand

On Manila—
On demand

On Shanghai—
On demand

Dollar

On Yokohama—
On demand

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)

Silver (per oz.)

Bar Silver in Hong Kong

Copper Cash

Copper Cents

Rate of Native Interest

Chinese Sub. Coin

Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris

New York

Brussels

Geneva

Amsterdam

Milan

Berlin

Stockholm

Copenhagen

Oslo

Helsingfors

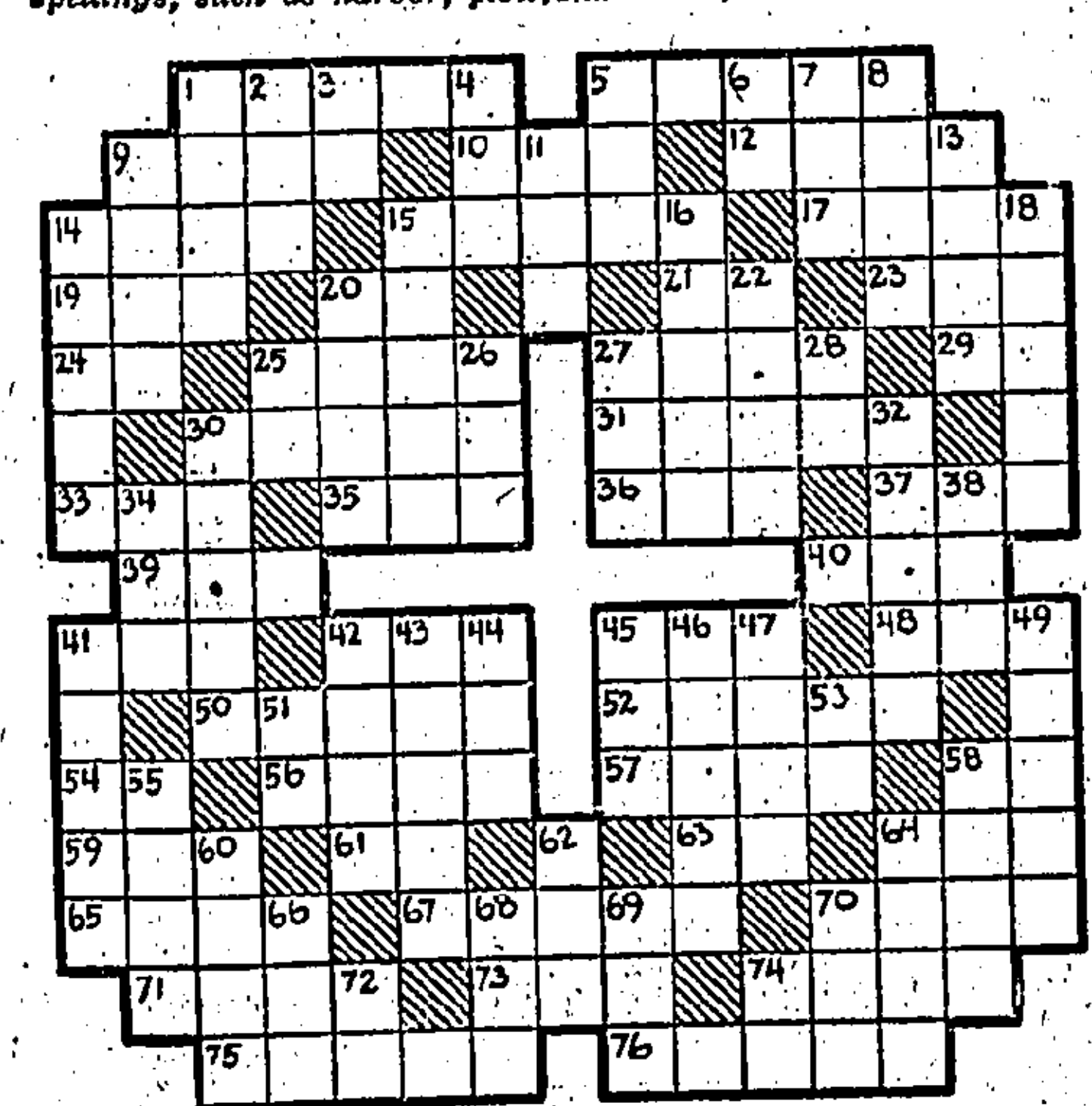
Vienna

Prague

Madrid

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1—One of the inferior animals
2—Day-by-day
3—A small mountain lake
4—Greek goddess of mischief
5—Plant
6—A farm building
7—Waste
8—Venture
9—Large monkey
10—Near
11—Half an acre
12—Measure of length
13—Point of compass (abbr.)
14—To make note of
15—Discharge
16—That has been thrown in disorder
17—Heard
18—Regular methods
19—A small lizard
20—Metric land measure
21—Before
22—Consumption
23—A unit
24—Girl's name
25—River in Poland
26—Ingulf
27—Open (Post.)
28—Compact
29—A pointed weapon
30—Bone (Latin)
31—Part of a ship

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
32—Musical note
33—Large covered vehicle
34—The Keystone State (abbr.)
35—Notary Public (abbr.)
36—Milk (Latin)
37—Enough (Post.)
38—A pleasure vessel
39—A shirt or labored breath
40—Man's name (Bib.)
41—Japanese statesman
42—Crooked
43—Famous city of Prussia
44—Correct
45—Empty
46—An eagle
47—Indefinite article
48—To strike gently
49—Lair
50—Exile
51—Guided
52—Time period
53—A narrow, stout strip of woven fabric
54—Man's name
55—Lafayette
56—To sow loosely
57—A cubic unit of metric measure

VERTICAL
16—Take exception
17—Magistrate of ancient Rome
18—On summit
19—Egyptian river
20—Pronoun
21—Joined
22—Epoch
23—Topographical
24—Engineers (abbr.)
25—Endure
26—Spanish title
27—A marsh
28—A dress material
29—Over
30—To break abruptly
31—To attempt
32—Lace fabric
33—Farm animal
34—Exhausted
35—Means of subsistence
36—Choose
37—Printer's measure
38—Deduce
39—Mentally sound
40—Have
41—Part of face
42—Do
43—Dabark
44—Has been
45—Own (Post.)
46—Garden implement
47—Enclosed
48—Have
49—Enclosed
50—Have
51—Have

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 19th August, 1931.
Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, 25th August.

| STOCK | Buyers | Sellers | Sales | Units | Yrs. | Last dividend and when paid |
|---|--------|---------|-------|-------|------|-----------------------------|
| Banks. | | | | | | |
| Hong Kong Bank | 121 | 121 | 121 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Chartered Bank | 121 | 121 | 121 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Mercantile Bk., Ltd. | 121 | 121 | 121 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Bank of Asia | 121 | 121 | 121 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Insurance. | | | | | | |
| Canton Ins. | 1550 | 1550 | 1550 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Union Ins. | 560 | 560 | 560 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| China Underwriters | 630 | 630 | 630 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| China Fire Ins. | 800 | 800 | 800 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| H. K. Fire Ins. | 1459 | 1459 | 1459 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Shipping. | | | | | | |
| Douglas | 24 | 24 | 24 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| H. K. Steamboats | 28 | 28 | 28 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Indo-China (Pref.) | 80 | 80 | 80 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Shells Bearer | 4674 | 4674 | 4674 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Union Waterboats | 281 | 281 | 281 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Mining. | | | | | | |
| Benguet | 11 | 11 | 11 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Kailan Mining Ad. | 3870 | 3870 | 3870 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Langkai (Single) | 495 | 495 | 495 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Shai Exploration | 186 | 186 | 186 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Loans | 41 | 41 | 41 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Raubs | 414 | 414 | 414 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Venezuela Gold Fields | 31 | 31 | 31 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c. | | | | | | |
| H. K. & W. Wharves | 163 | 163 | 163 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| H. K. & W. Docks | 33 | 33 | 33 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| South Ch. Motors (A) | 10 | 10 | 10 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| China Provident (old) | 505 | 505 | 505 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Hongkong | 270 | 270 | 270 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| N. Engineering | 81 | 81 | 81 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Shanghai Docks | 1091 | 1091 | 1091 | Dec. | 1930 | Interim 2 1/2% 1/1-4-30-31 |
| Land, Hotels & Buildings. | | | | | | |



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|---|-----------|-----------------|
| SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu. | | |
| CHICHIBU MARU | Wednesday | 2nd September. |
| TATSUTA MARU | Wednesday | 15th September. |
| SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports. | | |
| HIYE MARU | Tuesday | 25th August. |
| HEIAN MARU | Tuesday | 8th September. |
| LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez. | | |
| FUSHIMI MARU | Saturday | 22nd August. |
| HAKOZAKI MARU | Saturday | 5th September. |
| SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports. | | |
| KITANO MARU | Saturday | 22nd August. |
| ATSUTA MARU | Saturday | 26th September. |
| MANILA. | | |
| CHICHIBU MARU | Friday | 28th August. |
| BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo. | | |
| NAGATO MARU | Thursday | 27th August. |
| KAGA MARU | Friday | 11th September. |
| SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama. | | |
| BOKUYO MARU | Saturday | 12th September. |
| KURAMA MARU | Thursday | 20th August. |
| TAKETOYO MARU | Thursday | 27th August. |
| LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stambul (Constantinople), Genoa. | | |
| LYONS MARU | Sunday | 13th September. |
| CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon. | | |
| RANGGOON-MARU | Saturday | 29th August. |
| BENGAL MARU | Tuesday | 8th September. |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA. | | |
| HAKUSAN MARU | Thursday | 20th August. |
| ATSUTA-MARU (Nagasaki-direct) | Friday | 21st August. |
| TANGO MARU | Friday | 28th August. |

For further information apply to: NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Telephone 30291. (Private exchange to all departments.)

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------|------------|
| RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown. | Buenos Aires Maru | Thurs. | 3rd Sept. |
| MONBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN. | Hawaii Maru | Mon. | 31st Aug. |
| THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo. | Sydney Maru | Sat. | 5th Sept. |
| BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila. | Burma Maru | Fri. | 21st Aug. |
| JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services). | Nitto Maru | Sat. | 22nd Aug. |
| LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said. | Alaska Maru | Sun. | 11th Oct. |
| NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore. | Kinnai Maru | Tues. | 15th Sept. |
| ROMBAY via Singapore, Behawan, Deli & Colombo. | Hokuriku Maru | Tues. | 6th Oct. |
| CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon. | Shunko Maru | Wed. | 19th Aug. |
| HAIPHONG via Hoibaw & Pakhoi (Portnightly). | Argun Maru | Thurs. | 3rd Sept. |
| KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday). | Honolulu Maru | Tues. | 1st Sept. |
| TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Portnightly). | Menado Maru | Fri. | 21st Aug. |
| | Canton Maru | Sun. | 30th Aug. |
| | Deli Maru | Thurs. | 27th Aug. |

For further particulars please apply to: OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA. Telephone 28461.

BRITISH WUCHOW LINE

SAILING DATES FOR AUG. 1931 (Subject to Change).

DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

| Steamer | Leaves Hong Kong | Arrives Wuchow | Leaves Wuchow | Arrives Hong Kong |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| TAI MING WED. | 19th FRI. | 21st SAT. | 22nd SUN. | 23rd MON. |
| TAI MING SUN. | 23rd TUES. | 25th WED. | 26th THURS. | 27th FRI. |
| TAI MING TUES. | 26th THURS. | 27th FRI. | 28th SAT. | 29th SUN. |
| TAI MING FRI. | 28th SUN. | 30th MON. | 31st TUES. | 1st WED. |
| TAI MING MON. | 31st WED. | 2nd THURS. | 3rd FRI. | 4th SAT. |

Ports of Call—Samshui, Shuangliu, Takling & Doshing. Fare Return (not including meals) \$20.00. Meals and Wines are to be obtained on board. Hong Kong Arrivals & Departures from Tai Hing Wharf. For information apply to: 29, Connaught Road, West. SANG WO Co., Ltd. Phone 20893.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:—Audley, from Sandakan. Elliott, Y.W.C.A., from Singapore.

S. LACK,

Manager.

Hong Kong, August 13, 1931.

We are undoubtedly re-entering the age of Dictatorships—Mr. Reginald Berkeley.

The port of Lisbon has been greatly enlarged and improved. A new direct line to Brazil was initiated in the end of 1929 with the ex-German ship Nissaa. This vessel can carry 100 passengers whilst the annual exodus is 85,000. The Portuguese lines to East Africa which touch at North European ports have been extended. The Compagnia Nacional de Navegacao, and the Compagnia Colonial are about to put into service four other ships ordered in Germany on account of reparations.



WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

| | Aug. 16 | Aug. 17 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| West River at Shuangliu | 23.2 | 7.6 |
| North River at Samshui | 13.5 | 13.9 |
| East River at Shuangliu | 4.3 | 4.3 |

The highest levels recorded are:—Shuangliu, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shuangliu, 11.5 feet. The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Shuangliu.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

| | |
|--|--|
| Monday, August 17. | |
| Burgenland, German str., 4,321 tons, Capt. C. Dehnicke, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Jebesen & Co. | |
| Indus Maru, Japanese str., 2,695 tons, Captain J. Asaw, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K. | |
| Kumshing, British str., 3,341 tons, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co. | |
| Perseus, British str., 6,335 tons, Capt. D. Mansfield, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S. | |
| President Lincoln, American str., 8,359 tons, Capt. John Griffith, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line. | |
| Tuesday, August 18. | |
| Angers, French str., 5,385 tons, Capt. Angelvin, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. | |
| Garbeta, British str., 3,204 tons, Capt. Toresen, from Singapore, buoy No. A15.—M. M. & Co. | |
| Granville, Norwegian str., 3,507 tons, Capt. Kaldager, from Shanghai, Texaco's Wharf.—Thoresen & Co. | |
| Hirani, Norwegian str., 1,109 tons, Capt. L. R. Haneyvig, from Swatow, buoy No. C2.—Thoresen & Co. | |
| Haiyang, British str., 1,363 tons, Captain Erwin, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co. | |
| Hongkong, British str., 3,575 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, buoy No. A16.—Ho Thong & Co. | |
| Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co. | |
| Kaying, British str., 1,782 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S. | |
| Kulmerland, German str., 4,367 tons, Capt. Kuttert, from Shanghai, buoy No. A19.—Jebesen & Co. | |
| Lyemmon, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Singapore, buoy No. B2.—Kwong Nam & Co. | |

(Continued in next column.)

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. Taiyo Maru for San Francisco and Los Angeles via Shanghai and Japan ports, August 18:—

Mr. H. P. Mei, Mr. C. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barneas, Miss Grace P. Benoy, Miss E. Jean Willson, Mr. Wm. McDowell, Mr. T. Murata, Miss E. Moore, Mr. M. Kiyofuji, Miss Kiyofuji, Mr. K. Midzuta, Mr. and Mrs. Sakamoto, Miss T. Yamamoto, Mr. J. R. Krishin, Mr. F. Saito and 3 children, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Rice, Miss Freda Clausen, Miss Sarah P. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Ackland, Miss Bernice De Busk, Miss E. M. Lee.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—Caradoc—West wall. Cicada—South wall. Odin—North wall. Oswald—North wall. Otus—East wall. Seraph—North arm. Scarpis—North arm. Tamara—Basin. Tarantula—No. 13 buoy. Foreign. Argus—French gunboat. Helena—American gunboat. Smith Thompson—American gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Padua left Shanghai for this port on August 18 at 1.30 p.m., and is due here on August 22 at about 6 a.m. The B.I. s.s. Santhia will leave Amoy for this port on August 21, p.m., and is due here on August 22, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Vancouver on August 17 (Mon.) at noon, leaves Vancouver on August 29 (Sat.), and is due at Hong Kong on September 16 (Wed). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on September 17 (Thurs.), p.m. The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on August 15, a.m., and is due here on September 4 (Fri.). She will sail for Manila at p.m. on the same day.

Philoctetes, British str., 7,177 tons, Capt. J. Ramsey, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—B. & S. Shunko Maru, Japanese str., 5,027 tons, Captain H. Egusa, from Moji, buoy No. A6.—O.S.K. Sphinx, French str., 6,724 tons, Capt. Saccone, from Saigon, buoy No. A8.—M.M. Tai Yang, Norwegian str., 3,903 tons, Captain E. Krofft, from Manila, buoy No. A13.—Doddwell & Co. Tjibadak, Dutch str., 4,801 tons, Capt. Duit, from Muntok, buoy No. A5.—J.C.J.L. Tjinegara, Dutch str., 5,733 tons, Capt. Welde, from Amoy, buoy No. A3.—J.C.J.L.

15,000-MILE JOURNEY.

Sweden to Sydney in Open Boat.

A recent telegram to Stockholm from Sydney, Australia, told of two strange Swedish sailors in an open sailing boat meeting with the Katon 200 nautical miles off the coast of New South Wales. They stated that they had been on their way for a year crossing the Atlantic to Panama and thereafter the Pacific in the direction of the New Hebrides. The telegram caused considerable excitement in marine circles throughout the North. A later telegram confirmed the startling report.

On investigation it was found that the skipper was Anders Johansson, a fisherman, who with a crew of one man left his home in the Swedish West Coast province of Bohuslaen on July 25, 1930, braved the 15,000 miles or more of open-sea, separating the two men from their goal, the Australian metropolis of Sydney, where the skipper and his mate now seem to have arrived about a year later. But for the two official telegrams giving names of the skipper and his companion and details of location one would be inclined to doubt the reality of such a fantastic achievement by two lonely sailors in an open boat crossing the immense waters of the great oceans, a feat worthy of the spirit of the Viking age.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Gange are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after August 25.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

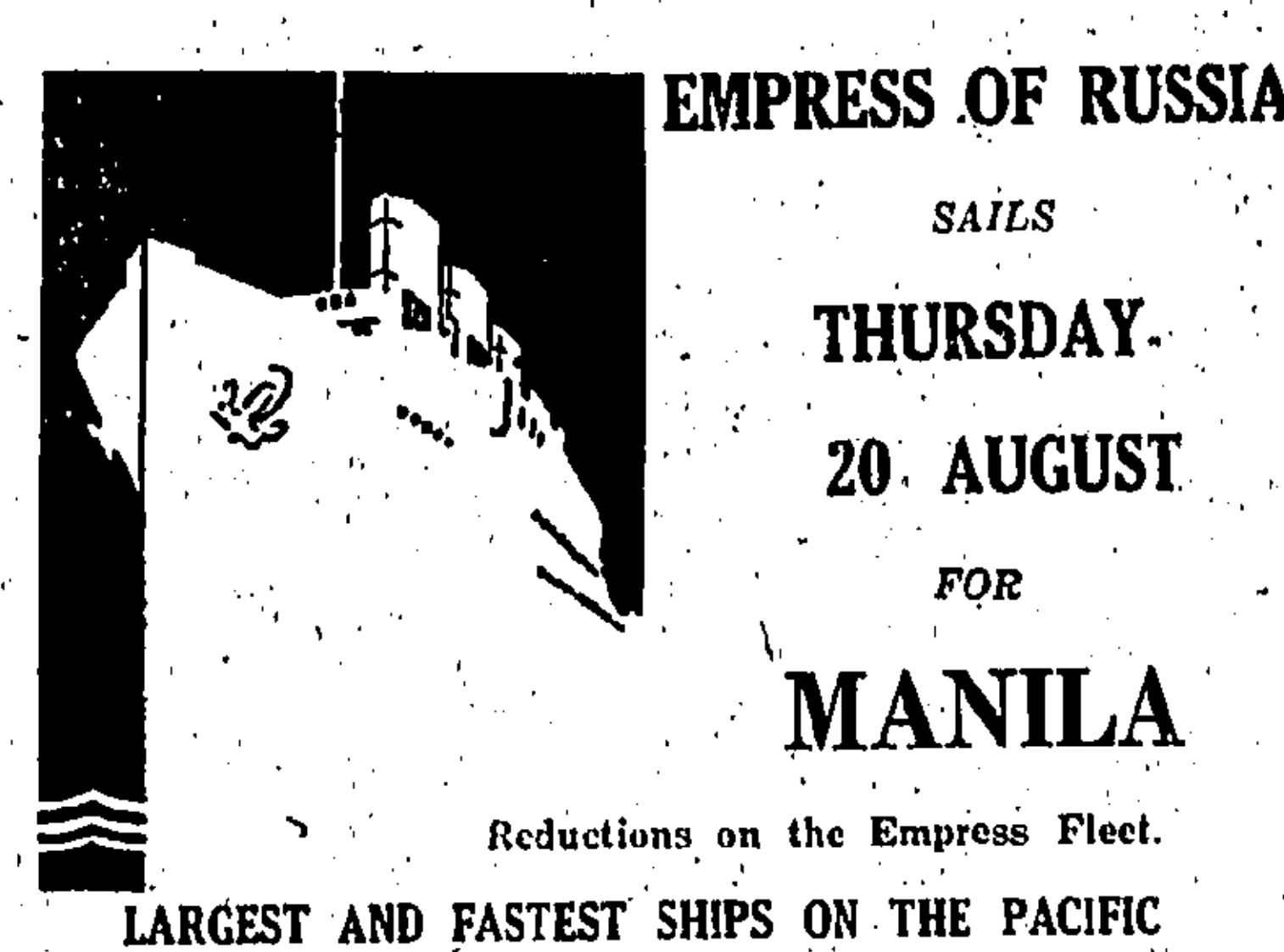
August 19 to 25, 1931.

| DATE | HIGH WATER | LOW WATER |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | Standard Time | Standard Time |
| August 19 | 11 05 | 16 55 |
| 20 | 13 28 | 19 21 |
| 21 | 15 41 | 21 48 |
| 22 | 17 54 | 24 15 |
| 23 | 20 07 | 26 42 |
| 24 | 22 20 | 29 09 |
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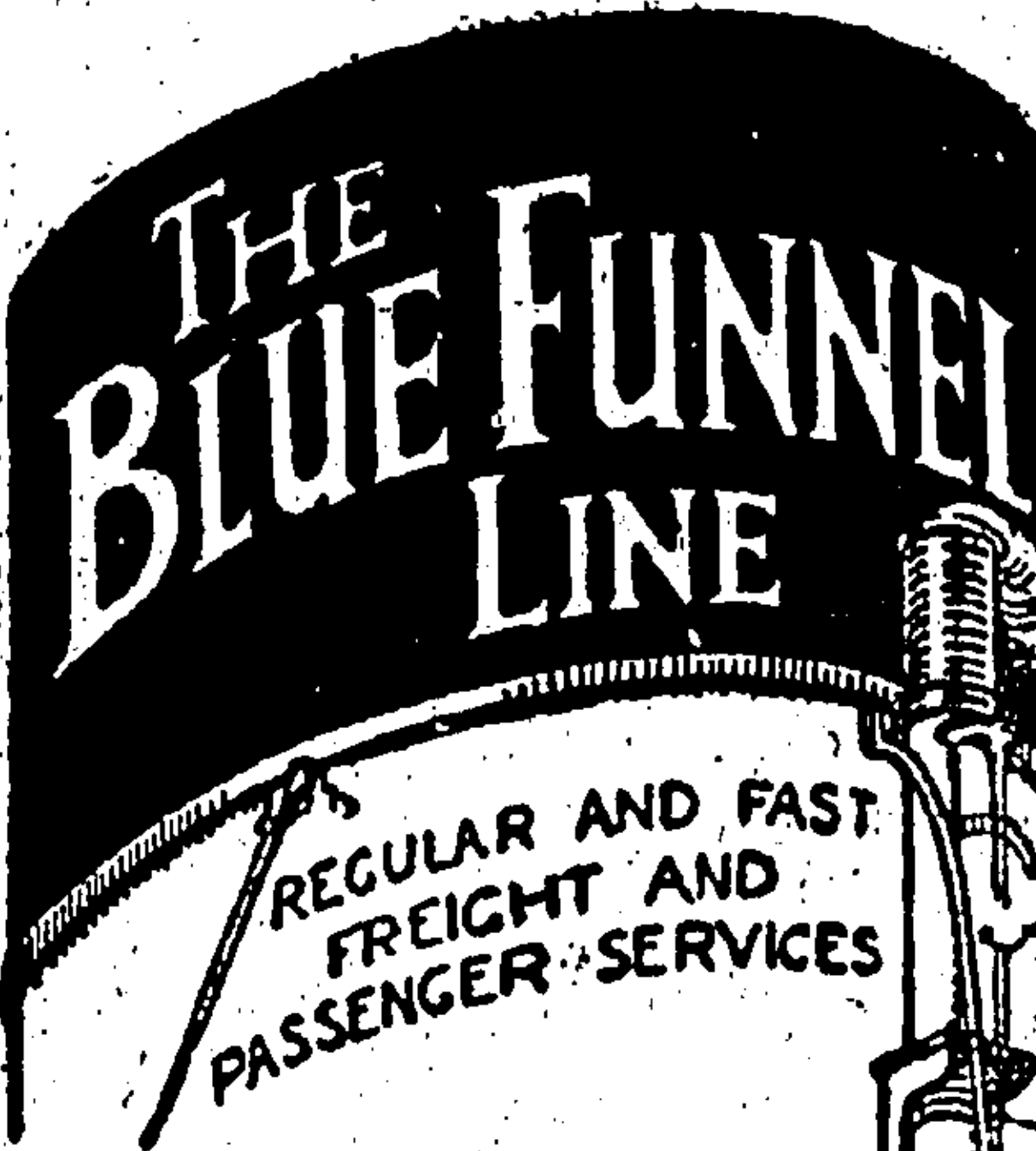
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THE ROMANCE OF THE "TALKIE."

Enterprise of the Warner Brothers.

Four brothers who gambled their fortune on one throw; a slip that made film history; some curious problems.

Has the Talkie come to stay? Is it an improvement on the silent film, or do its imperfections and limitations mar the entertainment? Neither critics nor public can yet agree in their verdict; but, whatever our opinion, we must admit that the evolution of the Talkie, described by Mr. Fitzhugh Green in "The Film Finds Its Tongue" (Putnam, 10s. 6d.), is one of the romances of industry.

Edison, dreaming of "an animated picture that talked," produced the Kinetophone so long ago as 1895. A nine days' wonder. Since then many fingers have been burned, and the very name of talking picture had become anathema to the film industry when an American company evolved its new device. The big film companies laughed at it. Not so the Warners.

The four Warner brothers were the sons of a Polish cobbler immigrant. In 1903 Sam had thrown up a fireman's job and Albert had left a bicycle shop to travel with an old-fashioned Edison moving-picture outfit. Though still in their teens and having only 150 dollars capital, they achieved such rapid success that Harry and Jack joined them in opening a picture theatre with ninety-one chairs hired from an undertaker.

Realising that bigger money was to be made in "renting" films, the brothers sold the theatre and formed a company to act as a film exchange. But as years passed big combines sprang into existence; the Warners were frozen out and could obtain no films; undaunted, they decided to make their own. For ten years they produced small but successful films. But by 1923 the day of the independent producer was over. A company was formed which advanced slowly but surely, crowning its achievements with "The Sea Beast" (Melville's "Moby Dick") with John Barrymore, but was still a minor company when in 1925 the brothers heard of the American Company's invention.

A Successful Experiment. One demonstration sufficed. They determined to exploit it for musical accompaniments to their pictures and for filming and recording variety and musical turns.

One August evening the brothers sat in their theatre on the first night of "Don Juan," awaiting the public verdict on their new venture. To them it meant a fortune—or ruin! They had sunk over \$100,000 in this picture; they had invested nearly \$200,000 in one gigantic gamble that the public would like pictures that sang and talked. They had staked their all!

It was a triumph, but a triumph tempered by the fact that there was no immediate way in which Talkies could be shown to the public. The Warners had the goods, but nobody could use them, for special apparatus must be installed before they could be shown. Within six months the brothers managed to equip one hundred cinemas, but found themselves forced in many cases to finance the purchase of apparatus to enable customers to obtain them on the instalment system. Arrayed against them was the opposition of the whole film world. But they stuck loyally together. On two occasions Harry secretly sold hundreds of thousands of pounds' worth of his shares to help them all along.

The First Production. In the old Manhattan Opera House, Oscar Hammerstein's white elephant, with its ghosts of McCormack, Tetravini, and Mary Garden, they began production. At first difficulties seemed insuperable. Difficulties of synchronization, of excluding extraneous sound. The producers received a shock when first listening to the "play-back" of a sound record.

The whirling of the camera was loudly audible. Someone could be heard walking across the other side of the stage; there were his foot-steps frozen in wax. Someone's cough. A creaking chair. A muffled rumble—that was a train going by on the elevated tracks outside the studio. Noise—record-

ed noise—caught in the wax together with the sounds that were meant to be imprisoned there.

The film men looked at each other. There was going to be more to perfecting this thing than they had thought.

Silence was therefore enforced upon everyone during recording—even upon the director!—the cameras were installed in sound-proof booths, and when one day a camera-booth's door became unlatched and the camera sound spoiled the record, it was ordered that the camera men should be locked in. Even then noise still intruded; investigation revealed that the arc lights made an electric whir which, though imperceptible to the ear, was recorded by the instrument!

Another difficulty. Talkies are based upon the radio system. Music from other radio instruments was recorded!

Studios have to be soundproof. Talking movie recording apparatus has to be radio and vibration proof. The studio has to have insulated walls. The recording apparatus has to have anti-electrical walls.

Al Jolson.

When the censor made excisions, synchronization was destroyed and the film had to be recorded again! A device was eventually found to obviate this. Then came the difficulties of projection:—

Sound travels at a speed of 1,100 feet per second; light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles a second. In large theatres the vision of moving lips reached the back rows before the sound had travelled to them.

The all-talking picture evolved by accident. The Warners had engaged Al Jolson for "The Jazz Singer." There was to be no talking, only singing and music. They rehearsed, lined up, started the take. And before he sang, Jolson spoke to his "mother" spontaneously. "Come on, Ma," he said. "Listen to this." She went over to the piano, and he began to sing. The action went ahead.

Sam Warner and Alan Crossland had not expected Jolson to speak. But when they heard it in the playback, that spontaneous bit sounded good. They decided to leave it in.

That decision made history.

"The Jazz Singer" established the Talkie and the Warners' fortunes. But tragedy blurred their triumph, for on the eve of success Sam, the enthusiast of the four, died suddenly in Los Angeles.

WRITING SONGS FOR HARRY LAUDER.

[By J. Howie Milligan.]

Hardly a handful of the millions of people who have heard Sir Harry Lauder on the wireless, the gramophone or on the stage, have any idea how the famous comedian's songs and patter are written and rehearsed. As one who has collaborated with him in the past, and as the author of his new Empire song, "Pin your Faith on the Motherland" which he recorded for "His Master's Voice," I will try to give you a "close up" of how it is done.

Firstly, it is not sufficient in itself to know the art of song-writing. Before one can write for Lauder, one must know Lauder, psychologically and artistically. Sir Harry has a marvellous instinct for effect, and for that reason alone his songs are not always moulded in accordance with the laws of metre. Extra words and notes are crowded in here and there in such a way that pedantic musicians become furious at this thought of it.

"Roamin' In The Gloamin'." Take, for instance, the last line of the third verse in "Roamin' in the Gloamin'." In that line, "I've just been to the jeweller's and I've bought her a bonnie wee ring," there are more syllables than there are in the corresponding lines of the first and second verses. The word "bonnie" is wedged in purposely to secure the right effect in passing from the song to the patter.

He gives a perfect illustration of this in "Hove a lassie." Thinking he hears her coming, he walks to the back of the stage; stops, looks, listens, and then almost whispers, "a rabbit."

He can tell at a glance if a song will suit him, and, of the hundreds submitted to him yearly, it is doubtful if half a dozen have been retained for further consideration. They all lack that indefinable Lauder touch. He cannot read or play music, but he has a sixth sense for melodies, and can imagine a complete orchestra in his mind.

Composes in Trains.

Most of his melodies have been composed in trains in all parts of the world. He was travelling between Edinburgh and London in the Flying Scotsman when he found his own melody for "Pin your

Faith on the Motherland." Sir Harry rehearses all his new songs both when he is awake and when he is asleep. He literally dreams about them. Before the opening of a pantomime I have known him to fast for three days. During that time I have sat up with him till the early hours of the morning making tiny alterations which mean an immense gain in effect. In other words, displacing the orthodox by the paradox.

To see Sir Harry recording for the gramophone is a veritable inspiration of endeavour. In the cheeriest of moods he greets his conductor and orchestra and then off come his coat, tie, collar and ripping open his shirt front, he faces the microphone robustly certain of conquering the world for all time with his magnificent voice and infectious laugh.

her to do a telephone conversation off-stage with Miss Bennett on the other end of the wire.

BREAKING INTO TALKIES.

How A "Bit" Player Got Her Chance.

There are ways and ways of getting a part in the talkies, and Claire Du Brey, who plays a small part in the Pathe special, "Sin Takes a Holiday," starring Constance Bennett, got hers in a most unusual way.

Miss Du Brey attracted the attention of Paul L. Stein, who is directing "Sin Takes a Holiday," through an advertisement she placed in a local casting magazine, which stated that despite the fact that she had considerable experience in silent films and on the stage with Pauline Frederick, Robert Ames and others, she was willing to play "bits," dead bodies, off stage voices, or what have you, in order to get a chance to break into the talkies. The humour and grit back of this advertisement appealed to Mr. Stein, and he engaged

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Wall Street is agog over Mr. Montagu Norman's health trip to Canada. It is now said that he has New York as his ultimate object. The Chicago Daily News suggests that the Governor of the Bank of England is out to try to re-imburse the short-term (Franco-American) loan and convert five per cent. War Loan on a four per cent. basis.

Chicago, Yesterday. The suggestion, that Mr. Montagu Norman's health trip has New York as its ultimate destination and that he hopes to turn the present Franco-American three months' bank credit of \$48,000,000 into a purely American credit for the same amount but for a longer period, is put forward in the Chicago Daily News copyright telegrams from London and from Basle.

The Chicago Daily News correspondents are of the opinion that the "Bank of England will obviously be unable to repay the recent short-term Franco-American credit without endangering the stability of the £," and Mr. Norman's object is to reimburse the short-term loan and convert the Five Per cent. War Loan on a four per cent. basis, thus saving interest charges and lightening the British Budget.

Wall Street banking circles profess complete ignorance of any such move, and officials of the Federal Reserve Bank refuse to make any comment. — Reuter's American Service.

Chicago's Report Unconfirmed.

London, Yesterday. Inquiries by Reuter have elicited no confirmation of the Chicago Daily News's report. Official quarters in the Treasury and at Downing Street state that they know nothing about it. — Reuter.

Wall Street is agog over the voyage of Mr. Montagu Norman to Canada.

Financial circles do not doubt he will find time to confer with officials of the Federal Reserve Bank. Some even predict a conference which may signalise a



Mr. Montagu Norman.

change of strategy by the Central Banks.

It is rumoured that the Federal Reserve Bank contemplates a ruling to prevent the creation of bills whose underlying commercial security is deemed inadequate. — Reuter's American Service.

ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC.

British Government's Report for 1930.

LITTLE DIMINUTION.

London, Yesterday. Reports of seizures of drugs from British Dominions (particularly India) and Colonies, the United States, Egypt and other countries show that there was little, if any, diminution in the illicit drug traffic generally in 1930, and that illicit traffic in cocaine from the Far East continues to give concern, according to the British Government's report to the League of Nations on the traffic of opium and other dangerous drugs in 1930.

Enormous Demand.

As an illustration, the enormous demand for drugs for illicit traffic, the report says, an enquiry was recently received from Japan by firms in London for the shipment of 1,400 kilograms of heroin to Shanghai.

Difficulties in Case of China. As regards China, attention is drawn to the difficulty experienced regarding applications for permission to export drugs for medicinal purposes, because as far as it has been ascertained the recent Chinese law, under which import certificates must be issued by the Ministry of the Interior after consultation with the Opium Suppression Committee, have not been put into effective operation.

It says the work of the Home Office in dealing with exports of Drugs to China will be greatly facilitated by a definite statement by the Chinese Government of an authorised procedure for the issue of import licences. — Reuter.

NO OUTSTANDING FEATURES.

Tone of Share Market Again Steady.

THIS MORNING'S BUSINESS.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange this morning states:—

The tone of the market this morning was again steady, with no outstanding features.

Banks were a nominal quotation of \$2.040.

Bank of East Asia shares advanced to a buying rate of \$185, but met with no response.

Unions were done at \$560, with further sellers at the figure.

Underwriters were in demand at \$5.10, which did not lead to business.

Steamboats were again wanted, but the rate of \$23 did not lead to sales.

Waterboats changed hands at \$23½, with buyers prevailing.

Providents (old) had sellers at \$6.15; buyers offered \$6.05, but nothing eventuated.

There were sellers of Hotels (old) at \$17.40, with the new share in the same category at \$17, but there were no deals in either.

Lands showed a slight decline. Sales were reported at \$90 and \$90½, sellers asking \$90½, but buyers would not offer higher than \$90½.

Humphreys (old) advanced somewhat, and with sales transacted at \$22.10, there were still buyers at \$22½.

Realities had buyers at \$17.25, but there were no sales put through.

Evos were done at \$15.25 and \$15.30, but there were still buyers at \$15.20.

Trams were negotiated at \$22, and at the end buyers wanted shares at \$21½.

Star Ferries reported sales at \$94, with buyers unsatisfied at this quotation.

China Lights were the medium of sales at \$27, with buyers still in the market at this rate.

Telephones (part paid) were again done at yesterday's quotation—\$33½—buyers prevailing at the close.

Canton Ices further advanced to a buying quotation of \$3½, at which sales were reported.

Cements (combined) were wanted at \$20 without leading to business.

Dairy Farms were done at \$32½, as were Watsons at \$16.40 and \$16.50, but buyers at the latter figure had to remain unsatisfied.

Lane, Crawford (old) had buyers offering \$7½, but there was nothing to record.

Constructions had sellers at \$13 without changing hands.

THOUSAND MILE FLIGHT.

Almost Forced Down.

ICE ON WINGS.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.

Gronau, the German aviator, made a 1,000 mile flight to Godthaab from Scoresby Sound. He had the utmost difficulty in keeping his machine in the air owing to ice forming on the wings. — Reuter.

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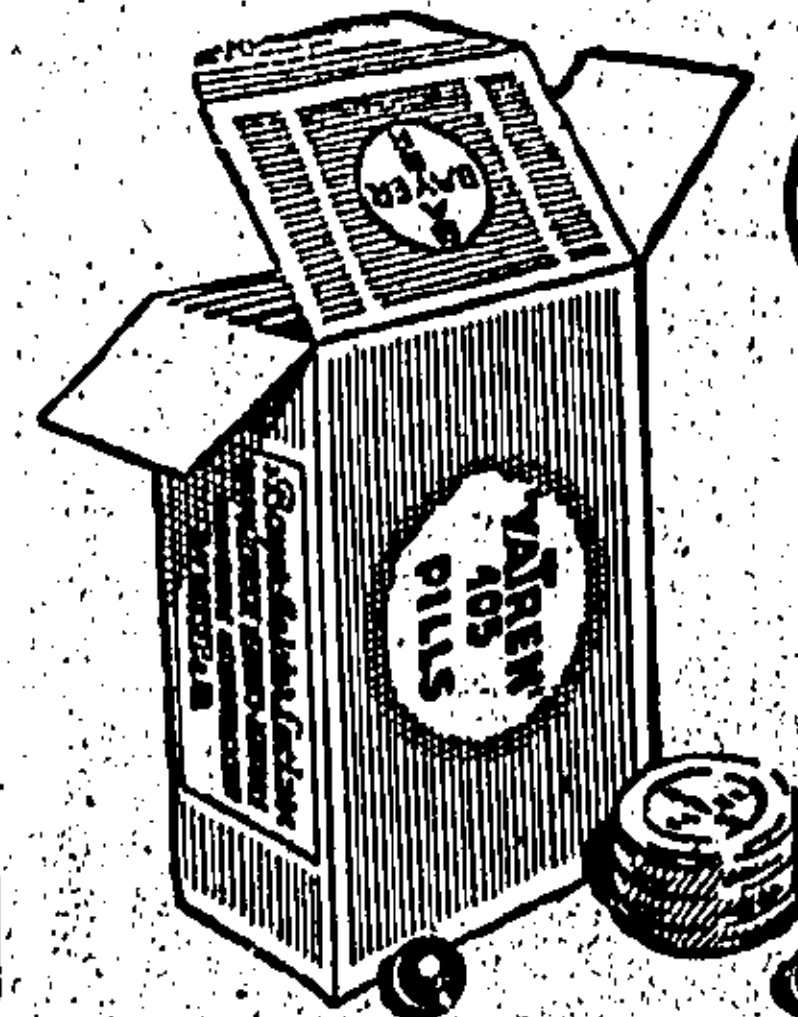
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